Registered number: 1030722

L BENNETT & SON LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED **31 DECEMBER 2005**

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COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS D P S Bennett (Chairman)

J L Bennett (Managing Director) M A Bennett (Sales Director) R L Marks (Finance Director)

R C Gamblin (Deputy Managing Director)

SECRETARY R L Marks

COMPANY NUMBER 1030722

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2005

I am pleased to present my first ever chairman's statement, regarding the business that I founded in 1954. I plan to produce such a statement on an annual basis, to enable all stakeholders to gain an enhanced understanding of the Group's performance.

The trading performance to December 2005 as attached required the Board to take dramatic and sweeping actions. These were focused on correcting the inbalance between revenues and costs, reducing the number of branch outlets, the sale of non core property assets, all coincidental with the injection of substantial funds by family and shareholders in the form of medium term loans.

I am pleased to report, that for the year to December 2006 the Board can expect to report a return to profitable trading, a balance sheet with considerably reduced levels of debts and significantly reduced creditor exposure.

The outlook for 2007 is looking increasingly strong with a comprehensively re-organised Management Team leading a tightly controlled business, focused on providing all customers with the timely delivery of keenly priced automative products.

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Name DPS Bennett

Chairman

Date 30 November 2006

DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2005

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2005.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the directors 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 directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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.

In determining how amounts are presented within items in the profit and loss account and balance sheet, the directors have had regard to the substance of the reported transaction or arrangement, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or practice.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the sale of motor accessories and spares.

The company has made substantial losses for the year under review and efforts are being made by the directors to return the company to profitability.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,963,114 (2004 - Profit £61,752).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital were:

	Ordinary : of £1 e	
	<u>31/12/05</u>	<u>1/1/05</u>
D P S Bennett	-	-
J L Bennett	-	-
M A Bennett	•	-
R L Marks	-	-
R C Gamblin	-	-

DIRECTORS' REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2005

	preference	"A" Redeemable preference shares of £1 each		emable shares ach
	<u>31/12/05</u>	<u>1/1/05</u>	<u>31/12/05</u>	<u>1/1/05</u>
D P S Bennett	<u>-</u>	-	-	-
J L Bennett	_	-	-	-
M A Bennett	-	-	-	-
R L Marks	-	-	-	-
R C Gamblin	-	_	-	_

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE DIRECTORS

The directors, except R C Gamblin, are also directors of L Bennett and Son Holdings Limited and their interests in group shares are disclosed in that company's register.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Haslers, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report was approved by the board on 30 November 2006 and signed on its behalf.

R L Marks Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO L BENNETT & SON LIMITED Under section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts of L Bennett & Son Limited for the year ended 31 December 2005 set out on pages 5 to 16, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2005 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with s.247B of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special auditors' 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the 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 and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2006/3 "The special auditor's report on abbreviated accounts in the United Kingdom" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider 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.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246 A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 5 to 16 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

Old Station Road Loughton IG10 4PL

30 November 2006

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Note	2005 £	2004 £
GROSS PROFIT		5,401,854	7,922,769
Administrative expenses		(7,506,044)	(7,615,008)
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	2	(2,104,190)	307,761
Income from other fixed asset investments Interest payable	5	2,750 (134,532)	(207,346)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(2,235,972)	100,415
TAX ON (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	6	272,858	(38,663)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		£ (1,963,114)	£ 61,752

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2005 or 2004 other than those included in the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 7 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2005

			005		004
FIXED ASSETS	Note	£	£	£	£
Intangible fixed assets	7		54,839		88,839
Tangible fixed assets	8		1,005,738		1,096,298
Investments	9		25,000		25,000
			1,085,577		1,210,137
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	2,540,668		3,985,189	
Debtors	11	3,158,484		3,782,495	
Other debtors	11	-		5	
Cash in hand		4,169		4,919	
		5,703,321		7,772,608	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,222,938)		(6,101,896)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS			(519,617)		1,670,712
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	ITIES		565,960		2,880,849
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(403,749)		(692,524 ₎
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
Deferred taxation	14		•		(63,000)
NET ASSETS			£ 162,211		£ 2,125,325
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					=
Called up share capital	15		362,367		362,367
Profit and loss account	16		(200,156)		1,762,958
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17		£ 162,211		 £ 2,125,325

Shareholders' funds include non-equity interests.

The abbreviated accounts, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to medium-sized companies, were approved by the board on 30 November 2006 and signed on its behalf.

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J L Bennett Director

The notes on pages 7 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The full financial statements, from which these abbreviated accounts have been extracted, have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

1.3 Intangible fixed assets and amortisation

Goodwill is the difference between amounts paid on the acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities. It is amortised to profit and loss account over its estimated economic life.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

S/Term Leasehold Property - Over the lease term Plant & Machinery - 33.3% reducing balance Motor Vehicles - 25% reducing balance Fixtures & Fittings - 15% reducing balance

1.5 Leasing and hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and are depreciated over their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. 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 a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

1.6 Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to the profit and loss account on the straight line basis over the lease term.

1.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

1.8 Deferred taxation

Provision is made in full for all taxation deferred in respect of timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except for timing differences arising on revaluations of fixed assets which are not intended to be sold and gains on disposal of fixed assets which will be rolled over into replacement assets. No provision is made for taxation on permanent differences.

1.9 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund in respect of the year.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

1.10 Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the expemtion in FRS 1 not to prepare a cashflow statement as the results are shown in the consolidated statements prepared by the parent company.

2. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

The operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:

2005	2004
£	£
34,000	34,000
239,739	279,127
25,000	22,000
28,784	37,171
680,150	600,542
(907)	(40,335)
669,886	-
	£ 34,000 239,739 25,000 28,784 680,150 (907)

3. STAFF COSTS

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:

	2005 £	2004 £
Wages and salaries	3,786,044	3,958,783
Social security costs	366,901	346,567
Other pension costs	74,408	75,256
		
	£ 4,227,353	£ 4,380,606
		=

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was as follows:

	2005	2004
	No.	No.
Administration Selling	28 213	28 229
	241	 257
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

4.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION				
			2005 £		2004 £
	Emoluments	£	33,480	£	44,283
	Company pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	£	14,386	£	9,038
	During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 director (2004 - pension schemes.	1)	in respect of	money	y purchase
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE				
			2005 £		2004 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts On other loans		106,310 4,211		165,348
	On finance leases and hire purchase contracts Other interest payable		24,011		40,218 1,780
		£	134,532	£	207,346
6.	TAXATION				
			2005		2004
	Analysis of tax (credit)/charge in year		£		£
	Current tax (see note below)				
	UK corporation tax charge on profits of the year Adjustments in respect of prior periods		- (29,858)		29,000 663
	Total current tax	_	(29,858)	_	29,663
	Deferred tax	_		-	
	Origination and reversal of timing differences		-		9,000
	Total deferred tax (see note 14)		(243,000)	-	9,000
	Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	£	(272,858)	£	38,663

Factors affecting tax charge for year

There is no tax charge for the year due to the losses available.

There are tax losses of £1,894,000 to carry forward against future profits.

Factors that may affect future tax charges

There are tax losses of £1,894,000 to carry forward against future profits.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

7.	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS											
							G	ioc	odwill £			Total £
	Cost								-			~
	At 1 January 2005 and 31 Decemb	er 20	05				_	1	70,003		_	170,003
	Amortisation											
	At 1 January 2005 Charge for the year								81,164 34,000			81,164 34,000
	At 31 December 2005						_	1	15,164		-	115,164
	Net book value											
	At 31 December 2005						£_		54,839		£	54,839
	At 31 December 2004						£		88,839		£	88,839
8.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS											
		1	Land and buildings Leasehold	r	Plant and nachinery		lotor hicles		Furnitu fitting and	S		Total
			£		£		£	•	equipm £	ent		£
	Cost or valuation											
	At 1 January 2005 Additions		18,500		148,542 4,975		798,260 I 18,761		826,9 53,9			1,792,298 177,734
	Disposals		•		-		(17,272)	(34,3			(51,622)
	At 31 December 2005	_	18,500	-	153,517	_{	399,749	•	846,6	44	-	1,918,410
	Depreciation											
	At 1 January 2005		8,200		79,160	3	326,894		281,7	46		696,000
	Charge for the year		4,590		24,981		26,030		84,1			239,739
	On disposals		-		-		(10,532)	(12,5	35)		(23,067)
	At 31 December 2005	_	12,790	_	104,141		42,392	-	353,3	49	_	912,672
	Net book value											
	At 31 December 2005	£	5,710	£	49,376 £		57,357	£	493,2	95	£	1,005,738
	At 31 December 2004	£	10,300	£	69,382 £		171,366	£	545,2	50	£	1,096,298
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

The net book value and depreciation charge for the year of assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts, included above, are as follows:

Made I of	2005	2004
Net book values	£	£
Plant and machinery	22,110	25,691
Motor vehicles	482,131	456,394
Furniture, fittings and equipment	40,272	138,980
	£ 544,513	£ 621,065
	2005	2004
	£	£
Depreciation charge for the year		
Plant and machinery	8,563	14,788
Motor vehicles	116,813	142,107
Furniture, fittings and equipment	7,107	22,171
Total	£ 132,483	£ 179,066
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9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

		Jnlisted invest- ments	Total
Cost At 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2005	£ =	£ 25,000 £	25,000

The shares were sold in November 2006 for £37,000.

10. STOCKS

	2005 £	2004 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	£ 2,540,668	£ 3,985,189

The difference between purchase price or production cost of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

11.	DEBTORS		
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Trade debtors	2,298,278	2,567,172
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	552,319	948,229
	Other debtors	10,106	23,764
	Deferred tax asset (see note 14)	180,000	20,7.0.
	Prepayments	117,781	243,330
		£ 3,158,484	£ 3,782,495
12.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	2,060,689	2,969,326
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	313,927	349,603
	Trade creditors	2,989,537	1,798,337
	Corporation tax	•	74,745
	Social security and other taxes	403,193	507,729
	Other creditors	254,779	333,808
	Accruals and deferred income	200,813	68,348
		£ 6,222,938	£ 6,101,896
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Included in bank loans and overdraft is an amount of £1,373,516 (2004-£1,519,944) owing to Barclays Bank PLC for sales financing. This amount is secured on the trade debts of the company.

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

3. CREDITO	DRS: a falling due after more than one year				
Amounts	raining due after more than one year		2005		2004
			£		2004 £
Bank loar Net obliga	ns ations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		233,083 170,666		358,875 333,649
		£	403,749	£	692,52
Included v	within the above are amounts falling due as follows:			_	<u>-</u>
			2005		2004
			£		£
Between	one and two years				
Bank loar	ns		233,083		183,85
Between	two and five years			=	
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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

	Represented by:				
			2005 £		2004 £
	Accelerated capital allowances Losses		- (180,000)		63,000 -
	Total	£	(180,000)	£	63,000
15.	SHARE CAPITAL				
			2005 £		2004 £
	Authorised 20,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each 306,000 "A" Redeemable preference shares of £1 each 54,000 "B" Redeemable preference shares of £1 each		20,000 306,000 54,000		20,000 306,000 54,000
		£	380,000	£ =	380,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid				
	2,367 Ordinary shares of £1 each 306,000 "A" Redeemable preference shares of £1 each 54,000 "B" Redeemable preference shares of £1 each		2,367 306,000 54,000		2,367 306,000 54,000
		£	362,367	£ =	362,367
16.	RESERVES				
	Profit and loss account		£		
	At 1 January 2005 Loss retained for the year		1,762,958 (1,963,114)		
	At 31 December 2005	£	(200,156)		

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

	2005	2004
	£	£
(Loss)/profit for the year	(1,963,114)	61,752
	(1,963,114)	61,752
Opening shareholders' funds	2,125,325	2,063,573
Closing shareholders' funds	£ 162,211	£ 2,125,325
Analysis of shareholders' funds		
Non-equity interests	306,000	306,000
Equity interests	(143,789)	1,819,325
	£ 162,211	£ 2,125,325

18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £74,408 (2004: £75,256).

19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2005 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and	buildings	Ot	her
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	£	£	£	£
Expiry date:				
Within 1 year	148,620	58,620	3,423	15,822
Between 2 and 5 years	69,000	69,000	•	24,034
After more than 5 years	497,000	587,000	•	-

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 2005

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company rents properties from the Holding Company and that company charged rents amounting to £153,500 (2004- £102,333) for use of those properties. The Holding Company also charged a management charge of £65,000 (2004- £45,500) for the year covering management services provided. At 31 December 2005 £552,319 (2004- £850,404) was owed by the Holding Company.

The directors are also partners in L Bennett & Son and a royalty of £10,000 (2004-£151,500) was paid to this partnership in respect of the year to 31 December 2005. At the year end £Nil (2004: £Nil) was due to the partnership.

The company rents properties from J L Bennett and M A Bennett, for which rents were charged of £208,452 (2004: £165,931) for the year. Further property was rented from D P S Bennett, and a rent of £15,504(2004-£14,044) was due in the year.

Properties were rented from the J L Bennett/M A Bennett Pension Fund and a rent of £72,750 (2004: £31,750.) was due in the year.

21. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate parent company is L Bennett & Son Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England.

There is no overall controlling party.