MP STORAGE AND BLENDING LIMITED (Registered Number 2237196)

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1996

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF MP STORAGE AND BLENDING LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 7 together with the financial statements of MP Storage and Blending Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 April 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors statement on page 3 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does 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 under sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 30 April 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 7 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 17 July 1996 we reported, as auditors of MP Storage and Blending Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 April 1996 and our audit report was as follows:

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MP STORAGE AND BLENDING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 (reproduced on page 5 of the abbreviated accounts) the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF MP STORAGE AND BLENDING LIMITED PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 (CONTINUED)

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 as at 30 April 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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17 July 1996

BALANCE SHEET - 30 APRIL 1996

	<u>Notes</u>		1996	·	1995
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible fixed assets	3		2,657,493		2,637,022
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand		233,937 <u>662,942</u>		256,429 494,609	
		896,879		751,038	
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)		(1,492,037)		(1,345,805)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(595,158)		<u>(594,767</u>)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			2,062,335		2,042,255
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)			(444,025)		(537,791)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			(247,000)		(222,909)
			1,371,310		1,281,555
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	4		2,000 <u>1,369,310</u>		2,000 <u>1,279,555</u>
			1,371,310		1,281,555
					

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 as entitling them to deliver abbreviated accounts on the grounds that the company is small.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON

17 July 1996

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DIRECTORS

The notes on pages 4 to 7 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 30 APRIL 1996

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under the historical cost convention.

(2) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on the excess of the net book value of tangible assets over their tax written down values where there is a reasonable probability of reversal occurring in the foreseeable future.

(3) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible assets to write off the cost of individual assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Freehold property

2% per annum on reducing balance basis
Other assets

2% per annum on reducing balance basis
Plant and equipment

10% per annum on reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles

25% per annum on reducing balance basis
Office fixtures and fittings

20% per annum on reducing balance basis

(4) Operating leases

Operating lease costs are charged to the profit and loss account during the period incurred.

(5) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The actual cost borne by the company during the year is charged directly to the profit and loss account.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 30 APRIL 1996 (CONTINUED)

2 STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

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;
- 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.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 30 APRIL 1996 (CONTINUED)

3 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

					Office	
	Freehold	Other	Plant and	Motor	fixtures	
	property	assets	<u>equipment</u>	<u>vehicles</u>	and fittings	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
COST						
At 1 May 1995	386,629	1,534,399	1,621,071	7,685	63,243	3,613,027
Additions	· -	-	171,504	-	2,316	173,820
Disposals			(22,136)			(22,136)
At 30 April 1996	386,629	1,534,399	1,770,439	7,685	65,559	3,764,711
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ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION						
At 1 May 1995 Provided during	49,031	92,631	787,308	3,074	43,961	976,005
the year	6,752	20,678	98,311	1,152	4,320	131,213
Disposals						
At 30 April 1996	55,783	113,309	885,619	4,226	48,281	1,107,218
NET BOOK AMOUNT	-					
At 30 April 1996	<u>330,846</u>	<u>1,421,090</u>	<u>884,820</u>	<u>3,459</u>	<u>17,278</u>	<u>2,657,493</u>
At 30 April 1995	337,598	<u>1,441,768</u>	<u>833,763</u>	<u>4,611</u>	<u>19,282</u>	2,637,022

Other assets comprise mainly freehold land and buildings acquired by the company for potential future development.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 30 APRIL 1996 (CONTINUED)

4 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1996</u> £	<u>1995</u> £
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Allotted and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2,000</u>	2,000

5 ASSETS HELD AS SECURITY

The bank loans and overdrafts, which amount to £938,025, are secured by a debenture charge over certain of the company's assets.