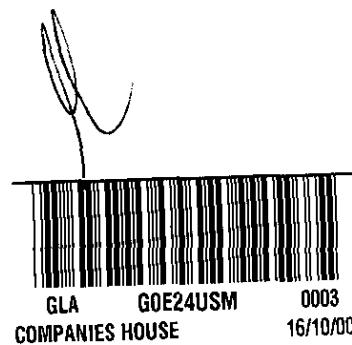
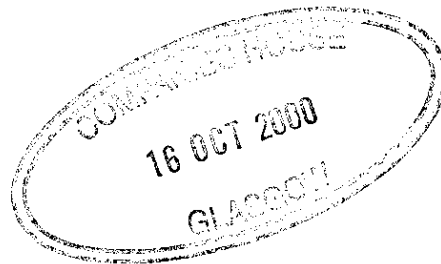


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A. KENNETH & SONS LIMITED
ABBREVIATED REPORT and ACCOUNTS
DECEMBER 31, 1999



REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE DIRECTORS
OF A. KENNETH & SONS LIMITED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 together with the full financial statements of A. Kenneth & Sons Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

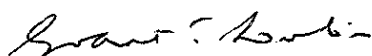
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with the provisions of Section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts in accordance with those provisions and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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 prepare abbreviated accounts 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 to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 246 of the Act and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 4 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



GRANT THORNTON
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Glasgow

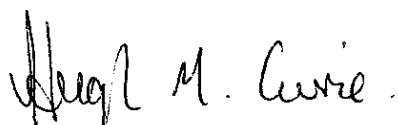
May 15, 2000

A. KENNETH & SONS LIMITED**ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1999</u> £	<u>1998</u> £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	2	731	782
Investments		15	15
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		746	797
Current assets:			
Debtors		12	20
Cash at bank and in hand		1	12
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		13	32
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		(270)	(235)
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Net current liabilities		(257)	(203)
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		489	594
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Capital and reserves:			
Called up share capital	3	48	48
Revaluation reserve		37	43
Profit and loss account		404	503
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Shareholders' funds – equity interests		489	594
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These abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on May 15, 2000.



Director

The notes on pages 3 and 4 form part of these abbreviated accounts.

A. KENNETH & SONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1999****1. Accounting policies****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The principal accounting policies remain unchanged from the previous year.

Depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less or valuation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each fixed asset by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life as follows:

Buildings	5%-10%
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No depreciation is charged on land.

The bings are amortised at rates which correspond to the actual usage. Roads are amortised at such rates calculated to write off the asset over their useful economic life.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method on all material timing differences, except for those which are not expected to reverse in the future.

A. KENNETH & SONS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 1999**
(continued)2. Tangible fixed assets

	<u>Total</u> £'000
Cost or valuation:	
At January 1, 1999 and at December 31, 1999	1,378
Depreciation:	
At January 1, 1999	596
Charged during the year	51
At December 31, 1999	647
Net book value:	
At January 1, 1999	782
At December 31, 1999	731

3. Share capital

	<u>Authorised</u>		<u>Allotted, called up and fully paid</u>	
	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
	<u>'000</u>	<u>'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>	<u>£'000</u>
Equity interests:				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50	48	48

4. Ultimate parent company

A. Kenneth & Sons is a 100% subsidiary of Lithgows Limited, which is registered in Scotland. The results of the company are consolidated within the group financial statements of Lithgows Limited and these group financial statements are available from the Registrar of Companies ten months after the company's year end.