Abbreviated financial statements

31 March 1996

Company number 23767





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Directors' report and financial statements

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Report of the auditors to the directors of Robert Dinwiddie & Co Limited

pursuant to paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5 together with the financial statements of Robert Dinwiddie & Co Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 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 2 and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that 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.

Oninion

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 31 March 1996, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 25 July 1996, we reported, as auditors of Robert Dinwiddie & Co Limited, to the members on the financial statements prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described above 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.

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 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 the 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 31 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 24 Blythswood Square GLASGOW G2 4QS

25 July 1996



Balance sheet

at 31 March 1996

	Note	1996		1995	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			1,543		1,669
Investments			443,024		443,024
			444,567		444,693
Current assets				2 2 6 2	
Stocks		3,378		2,263	
Debtors		4,572		2,699	
Cash at bank and in hand		51,934		53,558	
		50.004		58,520	
		59,884		36,320	
Creditors: amounts falling due		(47.044)		(43,059)	
within one year		(47,244)		(43,039)	
Net current assets			12,640		15,461
			<u>.</u>		
Net assets			457,207		460,154
Capital and reserves					•••
Called up share capital			20,000		20,000
Other reserves			1,408		1,408
Profit and loss account - distributable			435,799		438,746
Shareholders' funds (includes non- equity interests)			457,207		460,154

The directors have taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the basis that the company qualifies as a small company.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 25 July 1996 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mrs RM Kerr

Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost or valuation less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives, as follows:

Plant and equipment

25% straight line

Leases

Leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Stocks

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

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Interest and investment income

Credit is taken for interest and investment income when that income is received.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company is exempt from the requirements of preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small company.

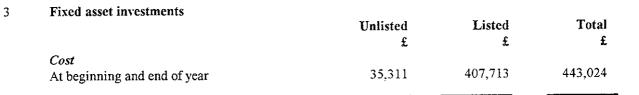


Notes (continued)

Tangible fixed assets

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~	Language and announ	Total £
	Cost or valuation	
	At beginning of year	2,225
	Additions	574
		2,799
	Depreciation and diminution in value	
	At beginning of year	556
	Charge for year	700
		1,256
	Net book value	
	At 31 March 1996	1,543
	At 31 March 1995	1,669





Notes (continued)

4	Called up share capital	1996	1995
	Authorised	£	£
	Equity interests Ordinary shares of £1 each	15,000	15,000
	Non-equity interests 3.5% (plus tax credit) cumulative preference shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
		20,000	20,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	Equity interests Ordinary shares of £1 each	15,000	15,000
	Non-equity interests 3.5% (plus tax credit) cumulative preference shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
		20,000	20,000

