

HOBBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED
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ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1998



HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

REPORT AND ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1998

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**AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF HOBBS SWALLOW AND HICKS
LIMITED ON THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 5 together with the full financial statements of Hobbs Swallow and Hicks Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 April 1998.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

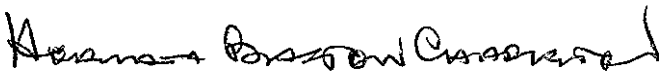
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements to the registrar of companies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

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities set out above. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

OPINION ON THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements in accordance with section 246 (5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 3 to 5 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Marine House
Clanwilliam Court
Dublin 2
Ireland

Date: 22 December 1998

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods and services sold, net of trade discounts and value added tax.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, so as to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful economic life on a straight line basis at the following annual rates:

Leasehold improvements	20%
Plant and machinery	20-50%
Fixtures and fittings	20-25%
Motor vehicles	25%

STOCKS

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all expenditure which has been incurred in the normal course of business in bringing the products to their present location and condition.

Net realisable value is the actual or estimated selling price net of trade discounts, less all further cost to completion and all costs to be incurred in realising the selling price.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is provided on timing differences to the extent that it is expected to become payable in the foreseeable future.

Timing differences are temporary differences between profits as computed for taxation purposes and profits as stated in the financial statements.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Unless specifically covered by forward exchange contracts, whereupon the contract rate is used, monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Revenues, costs and non-monetary assets are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transactions.

All foreign exchange profits or losses are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES CONTINUED

PENSIONS

The company's parent undertaking operates a defined benefit scheme and the expected cost of providing pensions to employees is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred over the period of employment of pensionable employees. The cost is calculated, with the benefit of advice from independent actuaries, at what is expected to be a reasonably stable proportion of pensionable pay.

LEASED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets held by the company under financial leases are recorded in the balance sheet as an asset. Obligations to pay future rentals under such leases are consequently recorded in the balance sheet as a liability. The amount recorded at inception, both as an asset and a liability, is the total minimum lease payments, net of interest. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge. Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

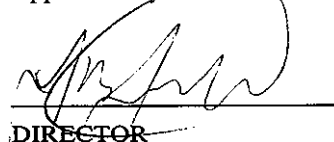
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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	1	777,289	355,958
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	2	153,512	115,496
Debtors	3	1,463,473	710,987
Cash at bank and in hand		429,474	240,553
		2,046,459	1,067,036
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)	4	(1,675,086)	(574,327)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		371,373	492,709
TOTAL NET ASSETS		1,148,662	848,667
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than one year)	5	(206,691)	-
TOTAL NET ASSETS		941,971	848,667
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	6	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account		940,971	847,667
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		941,971	848,667

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small-sized companies.

Approved by the board of directors on 22 December 1998 and signed on its behalf by:



DIRECTOR

The notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 1998

1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
COST					
At 1 May 1997	(118,477	544,189	35,825	67,318	528,855
Additions	141,614	1,124,933	154,168	121,312	1,542,027
Disposals	-	-	-	(110,895)	(110,895)
At 30 April 1998	<u>254,841</u>	<u>1,751,575</u>	<u>189,993</u>	<u>77,735</u>	<u>2,274,144</u>
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 May 1997	81,867	333,153	27,187	44,847	487,054
Charge for the year	36,043	409,528	17,905	17,089	480,565
Transferred from group undertaking	60,837	440,103	36,433	78,800	616,173
Disposals	-	-	-	(86,937)	(86,937)
At 30 April 1998	<u>178,747</u>	<u>1,182,784</u>	<u>81,525</u>	<u>53,799</u>	<u>1,496,855</u>
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 April 1998	<u>76,094</u>	<u>568,791</u>	<u>108,468</u>	<u>23,936</u>	<u>777,289</u>
At 30 April 1997	<u>31,360</u>	<u>293,489</u>	<u>8,638</u>	<u>22,471</u>	<u>355,958</u>

The net book value of the tangible fixed assets includes £288,334 (1997: £Nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases. The depreciation charge for the year in respect of these assets amounted to £57,593 (1997: £Nil).

2. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	1998 £	1997 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each:		
Authorised	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

3. GROUP STRUCTURE AND OTHER INFORMATION

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hobs (Drawing Office Services) Limited, a company incorporated in England.

Vesontio Limited, a company incorporated in the Republic of Ireland, is the ultimate holding company.