

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

REGISTERED NUMBER: 00511368

**ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2000**



HOBBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

REPORTS AND ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2000

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HOBBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

DIRECTORS: Joseph Dominick Hackett
Kieran John O'Brien
Joseph Benedict Hackett

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 00511368

AUDITORS: Horwath Bastow Charleton
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
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HOBBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2000

The directors submit their report together with the abbreviated financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2000.

DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required to prepare financial statements on a going concern basis 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 the year. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently and to make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

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 ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is the retailing of drawing office supplies and services.

During the year the group restructured its activities and the business of CT Reprographics Limited, Hobs Baxter Limited and SFS Strada Limited, all group companies, were transferred to Hobs Reprographics Limited. The combined businesses will continue to trade under the name Hobs Reprographics Limited.

The directors are satisfied with the company's performance during the year. Plans for the year ended 30 April 2001 are for further expansion of the company and the improvement of the company's trading performance and profitability.

RESULTS, DIVIDENDS AND RETENTIONS

	2000 IR£	1999 IR£
The results and appropriations are summarised as follows:-		
Profit for the year, after taxation	318,208	181,538
Balance at beginning of year	1,122,509	940,971
Balance at end of year	<u>1,440,717</u>	<u>1,122,509</u>

The directors do not recommend the declaration of a dividend.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2000

STATE OF AFFAIRS AND EVENTS SINCE THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

In the opinion of the directors, the state of the company's affairs is satisfactory and there has been no material change since the balance sheet date.

GROUP STRUCTURE

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

The directors consider Vesontio Limited, a company registered in the Republic of Ireland, to be the ultimate holding company.

DIRECTOR

The present membership of the board is set out on page 2. These persons were the only directors of the company during the year.

The beneficial interests, including family interests, of the directors and secretary in office at 30 April 2000 in the share capital of the group at the balance sheet dates were:

Ordinary shares of IR£1 each :	2000	1999
Joseph Dominick Hackett	250	250
Kieran John O'Brien	343	343
Joseph Benedict Hackett	257	257
"B" Ordinary shares of IR£1 each:		
Joseph Benedict Hackett	1	1
"C" Ordinary shares of IR£ each:		
Joseph Dominick Hackett	1	1
"D" Ordinary shares of IR£1 each:		
Kieran John O'Brien	1	1

In accordance with the Articles of Association, Kieran John O'Brien retires by rotation and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

AUDITORS

In accordance with the Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, Horwath Bastow Charleton, having expressed their willingness to do so, will continue in office.

A motion authorising the directors to fix their remuneration will be put to the annual general meeting.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Movements in tangible fixed assets are disclosed in note 6 to the financial statements.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2000

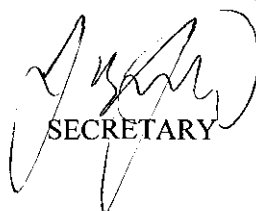
EURO INTRODUCTION

The company is currently reviewing plans to ensure a smooth transition for the introduction of the Euro. Whilst the review is currently in progress, at present the directors do not consider the cost will be significant for the company.

DATED THIS

26 - 1 - 2001

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD


SECRETARY

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

AUDITORS REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS OF HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED ON THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages 7 to 21 together with the full financial statements of Hobs Reprographics Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 April 2000

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with section 246A(3) 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

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated financial statements on pages 7 to 21 have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Stephen Bush & Charley
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors
Marine House
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Dublin 2
Ireland

Date: *26 May 2001*

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

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 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. 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 costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

GOODWILL

Goodwill comprises the excess of the price paid for the acquisition of reprographic outlets over the aggregate of the fair values of the identifiable assets. Goodwill is amortised through the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Goodwill	-	20%
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LEASED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets held by the company under finance 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 all other leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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.

The company also operates a defined contribution scheme and benefits are funded over the employee's period of service by way of contributions from the company and employees. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which they become payable.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred tax 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 denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. Revenue, costs and non-monetary assets are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the dates of the transaction.

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

HOBBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED**ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 APRIL 2000**

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
GROSS PROFIT		7,711,667	4,955,004
SELLING AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS		(7,244,651)	(4,652,316)
OPERATING PROFIT			
Continuing operations		467,016	543,849
Acquisitions		-	(241,161)
	2	467,016	302,688
BANK INTEREST RECEIVABLE		14,004	9,602
INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	4	(50,310)	(28,005)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		430,710	284,285
TAXATION	5	(112,502)	(102,747)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		318,208	181,538
RETAINED PROFIT AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,122,509	940,971
RETAINED PROFIT AT END OF YEAR		1,440,717	1,122,509

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the years ended 30 April 2000 and 1999 other than the profit for the year which has been calculated on an historical cost basis. This represents the only movement in shareholders' funds.

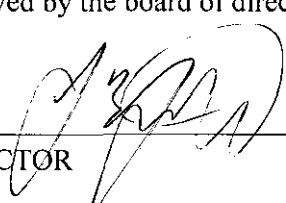
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 APRIL 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	2,762,471	1,677,132
Intangible assets	7	345,364	341,595
		<u>3,107,835</u>	<u>2,018,727</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	8	387,140	216,852
Debtors	9	3,940,574	2,306,885
Cash at bank and in hand		450,939	418,395
		<u>4,778,653</u>	<u>2,942,132</u>
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due within one year)	10	(5,989,119)	(3,691,487)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(1,210,466)</u>	<u>(749,355)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,897,369	1,269,372
CREDITORS (Amounts falling due after more than one year)	11	(455,652)	(145,863)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,441,717</u>	<u>1,123,509</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	13	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account		1,440,717	1,122,509
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>1,441,717</u>	<u>1,123,509</u>

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

Approved by the board of directors on 20-1-2001 and signed on its behalf by:



DIRECTOR

The notes on pages 12 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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ABBREVIATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	14	2,248,878	820,900
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	15	(41,108)	(20,582)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT	15	(1,067,830)	(472,639)
TAXATION		(157,384)	(158,000)
ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS	15	(857,192)	(1,752,962)
		<u>125,364</u>	<u>(1,583,283)</u>
FINANCING - EXTERNAL	15	(819,409)	(140,040)
FINANCING - GROUP	15	748,597	1,634,852
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE YEAR		<u>54,552</u>	<u>(88,471)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENTS IN NET FUNDS			
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE YEAR		54,552	(88,471)
CASH OUTFLOW ON BANK PAYMENTS	16	630,830	-
CASH OUTFLOW ON LEASE PAYMENTS	16	188,579	140,040
CHANGE IN NET DEBT RESULTING FROM CASH FLOWS		<u>873,961</u>	<u>51,569</u>
NEW BANK LOANS	16	(1,199,092)	-
NEW FINANCE LEASES	16	(78,360)	(119,467)
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT		<u>(403,491)</u>	<u>(67,898)</u>
NET CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	16	36,910	104,808
NET (DEBT) CASH AT END OF YEAR	16	<u>(366,581)</u>	<u>36,910</u>

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

1. RESTRUCTURING OF THE GROUP

During the year the company incorporated the trading activities and trading assets and liabilities of a number of group companies, SFS Strada Limited, Hobs Baxter Limited and CT Reprographics Limited, which carry out similar trading activities.

The trade of these companies which have been incorporated, are reflected in the consolidated financial statements of Vesontio Limited, which are publicly available in the Irish Companies Registration Office. As a result, the results of the group undertakings have not been reflected in the accounts as acquired activities.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging (crediting) :

	2000	1999
	£	£
Directors emoluments:		
- For management	215,983	133,542
- Pension costs	32,992	23,198
- Fees	120,464	148,749
Amortisation of goodwill	95,023	85,399
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,212,515	737,505
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(72,995)	(13,308)
Auditors' remuneration	23,163	19,692

The emoluments disclosed above are in respect of two directors only. The highest paid director, Kieran John O'Brien received emoluments of £128,208 for management, £68,457 for fees and the company contributed £19,587 to the defined benefits pension scheme. The remaining director did not receive any remuneration from the company.

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3. STAFF AND STAFF COSTS

The average number of persons (including executive directors) employed during the financial period was 236 (1999 : 147).

The aggregate amounts paid to or on behalf of staff are as follows:

	2000 £	1999 £
Wages and salaries	3,387,000	2,140,012
Social welfare costs	269,356	165,108
Pension costs	150,357	116,679
Redundancy costs	-	111,187
	<u>3,806,713</u>	<u>2,532,986</u>

4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2000 £	1999 £
Bank interest	20,165	978
On finance leases	30,145	27,027
	<u>50,310</u>	<u>28,005</u>

5. TAXATION

	2000 £	1999 £
Based on profit for the year :		
Corporation tax @ 30% (1999 : 31%)	109,036	113,230
Corporation tax under(over)provided in prior periods	3,466	(10,483)
	<u>112,502</u>	<u>102,747</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvements £	Plant and equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
COST					
At 1 May 1999	257,013	3,430,104	474,762	216,453	4,378,332
Additions	180,440	760,277	116,824	116,457	1,173,998
Transferred from group undertakings	347,446	2,157,054	218,150	102,274	2,824,924
Disposals	-	(290,622)	(3,002)	(113,697)	(407,321)
At 30 April 2000	784,899	6,056,813	806,734	321,487	7,969,933
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 May 1999	168,558	2,203,664	207,513	121,465	2,701,200
Charge for the year	100,546	965,880	98,798	47,291	1,212,515
Transferred from group undertakings	106,452	1,316,982	163,998	32,212	1,619,644
On disposals	-	(248,047)	(1,018)	(76,832)	(325,897)
At 30 April 2000	375,556	4,238,479	469,291	124,136	5,207,462
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 30 April 2000	409,343	1,818,334	337,443	197,351	2,762,471
At 30 April 1999	88,455	1,226,440	267,249	94,988	1,677,132

The net book value of the tangible fixed assets includes £155,351 (1999 : £261,714) in respect of assets held under finance leases. The depreciation charge for the year in respect of these assets amounted to £175,491 (1999 : £130,871).

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

7. INTANGIBLE ASSET GOODWILL

	£
COST	
At 1 May 1999	426,994
Transferred from group undertakings	174,608
Disposals	(26,777)
At 30 April 2000	<u>574,825</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 May 1999	85,399
Charge for the year	95,023
Transferred from group undertakings	60,218
Disposals	(11,179)
At 30 April 2000	<u>229,461</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 April 2000	<u>345,364</u>
At 30 April 1999	<u>341,595</u>

During the year the sales contracts and goodwill relating to the Newcastle shop were sold. £100,000 was received as consideration for the above. In accordance with the contract of sale, deferred consideration of £50,000 will be receivable if sales reach specific targets.

8. STOCKS

	2000 £	1999 £
Goods and consumables	387,140	216,852
	<u>387,140</u>	<u>216,852</u>

The replacement cost of stocks is not considered to be materially different from the balance sheet value.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

9. DEBTORS

	2000	1999
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	3,244,879	2,028,545
Amounts owed by group undertakings	378,062	121,358
Amounts owed by director	-	5,830
Other debtors	66,930	17,293
Prepayments	250,703	133,859
	<u>3,940,574</u>	<u>2,306,885</u>

10. CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (Note 12)	206,429	77,392
Obligations under finance leases	155,439	158,230
Trade creditors (see note below)	1,009,210	332,354
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,566,286	2,560,985
Corporation tax	109,036	112,564
Value added tax	175,189	131,435
Payroll taxes	128,138	57,029
Accrued expenses	639,392	261,498
	<u>5,989,119</u>	<u>3,691,487</u>

Some trade creditors have reserved title to goods supplied to the company. Since the extent to which such creditors are effectively secured depends on a number of factors and conditions, some of which are not readily determinable, it is not possible to indicate how much of the above amount is secured under reservation of title.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

11. CREDITORS (amounts falling due after one year)

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank loans (Note 12)	417,217	-
Obligations under finance leases	38,435	145,863
	<u>455,652</u>	<u>145,863</u>

12. BANK LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

The loan and overdraft are repayable as follows :

	2000	1999
	£	£
Otherwise than by instalment:		
Within one year	55,384	77,392
By Instalment:		
Within one year	151,045	-
Within one to two years	161,920	-
Within two to five years	255,297	-
	<u>623,646</u>	<u>77,392</u>

The Bank of Ireland loan facility amounting to £568,262 at 30 April 2000 is secured by way of guarantees and debentures from the company and fellow group undertakings.

The Midland Bank overdraft facility amounting to £55,384 at 30 April 2000 is secured by way of multilateral guarantees from the company and fellow group undertakings together with a second fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company.

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000	1999
	£	£
Ordinary share of £1 each:		
Authorised	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

14. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	£	£
Operating profit	467,016	302,688
Depreciation	1,212,515	737,505
Amortisation of goodwill	95,023	85,399
Decrease in stocks	9,499	67,826
(Increase) in debtors	(165,263)	(196,083)
Increase (decrease) in creditors	703,083	(163,127)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(72,995)	(13,308)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>2,248,878</u>	<u>820,900</u>

15. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

15.1 RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank interest paid	(24,967)	(978)
Lease interest paid	(30,145)	(29,206)
Interest received	14,004	9,602
	<u>(41,108)</u>	<u>(20,582)</u>

15.2 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

	2000	1999
	£	£
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,237,847)	(617,291)
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets	70,017	81,905
Receipts from sale of intangible assets	100,000	62,747
	<u>(1,067,830)</u>	<u>(472,639)</u>

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

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15.3 ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS

	2000	1999
	£	£
Purchase of business	-	(772,863)
Transfer of business from group undertaking	(857,192)	(980,099)
	<u>(857,192)</u>	<u>(1,752,962)</u>

15.3 FINANCING - EXTERNAL

	2000	1999
	£	£
Repayment of finance lease obligations	(188,579)	(140,040)
Repayments of bank loans	(630,830)	-
	<u>(819,409)</u>	<u>(140,040)</u>

15.4 FINANCING - GROUP

	2000	1999
	£	£
Amounts advanced by group undertaking	1,005,301	26,386
Amounts advanced to group undertaking	(256,704)	1,608,466
	<u>748,597</u>	<u>1,634,852</u>

16. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	1999	Cash flows	Non-cash movement	2000
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	418,395	32,544	-	450,939
Bank overdraft	(77,392)	22,008	-	(55,384)
Cash	<u>341,003</u>	<u>54,552</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>395,555</u>
Finance leases	(304,093)	188,579	(78,360)	(193,874)
Loans repayable within one year	-	630,830	(781,875)	(151,045)
Loans repayable after one year	-	-	(417,217)	(417,217)
TOTAL	<u>36,910</u>	<u>873,961</u>	<u>(1,277,452)</u>	<u>(366,581)</u>

HOBS REPROGRAPHICS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

17. TRANSFER OF BUSINESS FROM GROUP UNDERTAKINGS

	2000 £	1999 £
Net assets acquired:		
Tangible fixed assets	1,205,280	602,610
Trade debtors	1,095,251	590,635
Stock	179,787	111,354
Other debtors	116,471	58,250
Trade creditors	(295,291)	(271,013)
Accruals	(184,569)	(149,116)
VAT	(55,321)	(40,596)
Payroll taxes	-	(20,932)
Corporation tax	(41,354)	(29,191)
Finance leases	(78,360)	(119,467)
Bank loans	(1,199,092)	-
	<u>742,802</u>	<u>732,534</u>
Goodwill	114,390	247,565
	<u>857,192</u>	<u>980,099</u>
Satisfied by advance from group undertaking	<u>857,192</u>	<u>980,099</u>

18. PENSION COSTS

The company is a member of a group defined benefits scheme which is managed by the parent undertaking, Hobs (Drawing Office Services) Limited.

The contributions are charged to the profit and loss account of the company so as to spread the cost of pensions as incurred over employees' working lives. The assets of the scheme are held in separate trustee administered funds. The group contribution rate is determined by actuaries on the basis of periodic valuations using the projected unit method. The most recent actuarial valuation of the scheme was carried out at 6 April 1999, and is not available for public inspection. The pension charged to the profit and loss account of the company was £143,583 (1999 - £115,852).

The company also operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost represents contributions payable to the fund and amounted to £6,774 (1999 - £827).

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 30 APRIL 2000

19. COMMITMENTS

19.1 FINANCE LEASES

Finance lease obligations, net of interest, are due for repayment as follows

	2000	1999
	£	£
Within one year	155,439	158,230
Between one and two years	38,435	107,428
From two to five years	-	38,435
	<u>193,874</u>	<u>304,093</u>

19.2 OPERATING LEASES

Leasing commitments payable during the next twelve months are as follows:

	Leasehold Improvements	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£
Payable on leases which expire			
-within two years	30,782	135,144	165,926
-within five years	82,811	2,964	85,775
-after five years	293,450	-	293,450
	<u>407,043</u>	<u>138,108</u>	<u>545,151</u>

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

- (a) The company is contingently liable to HSBC Bank under unlimited multilateral guarantees and a second fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company in respect of liabilities of fellow group undertakings.
- (b) The company is a party to guarantees and debentures provided to Bank of Ireland in respect of the liabilities of fellow group undertakings to the extent of IR£510,000 and £3,200,000.

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As the company is ultimately controlled by Vesontio Limited, the consolidated accounts of which are publicly available from the Irish Companies Registration Office, advantage has been taken of the exemption from disclosing transactions with other group undertakings.