



**SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON)
LIMITED**

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 APRIL 2002

Company no 1105821

SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON) LIMITED

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For the year ended 30 April 2002

Company registration number: 1105821

Registered office: Centurion Way
Off Yarnton Way
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Kent
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Directors: R D Francis
A P Marchant
R S Brace (resigned 10 August 2001)
I Samuels (resigned 30 June 2001)
S C Bird (appointed 1 July 2002)

Secretary: J R Hughes

Solicitors: Rix & Kay
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SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON) LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2002.

Principal activities

The company is principally engaged in the manufacture and distribution of food packaging materials.

Research and development

The entity carries out development of new products. Expenditure is written off in the year and amounted to £35,717 (2001: £34,041).

Directors

The directors in office during the year were as follows:

R D Francis
A P Marchant
R S Brace (resigned 10 August 2001)
I Samuels (resigned 30 June 2001)
S C Bird (appointed 1 July 2002)

The interests of the directors, who are all directors of the parent undertaking, Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited, are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

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:

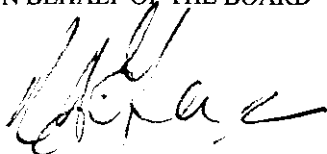
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD



Director

9th December 2002

**REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON) LIMITED UNDER
SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 13 together with the full financial statements of Spiral Packs (London) Limited prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 April 2002.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with the provisions of section 246A of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver to the Registrar of Companies abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Act and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

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 deliver 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 section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 13 have been properly prepared in accordance with that provision.

Grant Thornton

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
GATWICK

9 Dec 2002

SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON) LIMITED

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The principal accounting policies of the company are set out below. The policies have remained unchanged from the previous year apart from the implementation of FRS 19, the new accounting standard for deferred taxation. This has had no effect on brought forward reserves.

TURNOVER

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated on the reducing balance method and aims to write down the cost less estimated residual value of all tangible fixed assets over their expected useful economic lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Leasehold buildings	over the period of the lease
Plant and machinery	15%
Motor vehicles	25%
Office equipment	between 15% and 33.3%

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Research and development expenditure is charged to profits in the period in which it is incurred.

STOCKS

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

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the company an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PENSION FUNDS

Defined contribution scheme

The pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

LEASED ASSETS

Rentals payable in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

SPIRAL PACKS (LONDON) LIMITED**ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

For the year ended 30 April 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Gross profit		1,759	1,956
Distribution costs		(467)	(584)
Administrative expenses		(1,146)	(1,143)
Operating profit		146	229
Net interest	2	(22)	(43)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1	124	186
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		(11)	(36)
Profit transferred to reserves	13	113	150

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial year.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these abbreviated accounts.

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2002

	Note	2002 £'000	2002 £'000	2001 £'000	2001 £'000
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		386		425
Current assets					
Stocks	6	411		393	
Debtors	7	2,130		2,363	
Cash at bank and in hand		95		26	
		<u>2,636</u>		<u>2,782</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>(1,342)</u>		<u>(1,578)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,294</u>		<u>1,204</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>1,680</u>		<u>1,629</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(9)		(52)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	10		<u>(34)</u>		<u>(53)</u>
			<u>1,637</u>		<u>1,524</u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12		100		100
Profit and loss account	13		<u>1,537</u>		<u>1,424</u>
Shareholders' funds	14		<u>1,637</u>		<u>1,524</u>

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

The abbreviated accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on

9th December 2002
Director

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these abbreviated accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

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1 PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Auditors' remuneration	13	13
Depreciation and amortisation:		
Tangible fixed assets, owned	76	79
Other operating lease rentals	187	147

2 NET INTEREST

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
On bank loans and overdrafts	22	43

3 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Wages and salaries	978	1,110
Social security costs	69	86
Other pension costs	22	24
	1,069	1,220

The average number of employees of the company during the year was 80 (2001: 96).

The average number of employees of the company during the year were as follows:

	2002 Number	2001 Number
Production	65	81
Administration	11	11
Other	4	4
	80	96

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Remuneration in respect of directors was as follows:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Emoluments	233	251
Pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	7	9
	<u>240</u>	<u>260</u>

During the year 2 directors (2001: 2 directors) directors participated in money purchase pension schemes.

The amounts set out above include remuneration in respect of the highest paid director as follows:

	2002 £	2001 £
Emoluments	<u>122,505</u>	<u>103,694</u>

4 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The tax charge represents:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax on profits for the period	30	37
Adjustment in respect of prior periods	-	(1)
Deferred tax:		
Adjustment in respect of change in rate of tax (Note 11)	(19)	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>11</u>	<u>36</u>

Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2001: 30%). The differences are explained as follows:

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>124</u>	<u>186</u>

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Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2001: 30%).	25	56
Effect of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1	2
Capital allowances for the period in excess of depreciation	3	(4)
Utilisation of tax losses	(1)	(2)
Differences in tax rates due to marginal relief	-	(15)
Movement in provisions	2	-
	30	37

5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold improvement	Plant and machinery	Motor vehicles	Office equipment	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation					
At 1 May 2001	13	876	53	344	1,286
Additions	-	2	21	14	37
	13	878	74	358	1,323
Depreciation					
At 1 May 2001	6	579	10	266	861
Provided in the year	1	45	13	17	76
	7	624	23	283	937
Net book amount at 30 April 2002	6	254	51	75	386
Net book amount at 30 April 2001	7	297	43	78	425

6 STOCKS

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Raw materials	218	282
Finished goods and goods for resale	193	111
	411	393

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7 DEBTORS

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Trade debtors	1,121	1,357
Amounts owed by group undertakings	938	938
Other debtors	20	25
Prepayments and accrued income	51	43
	<u>2,130</u>	<u>2,363</u>

8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	70	54
Advances against trade debtors	202	350
Trade creditors	726	843
Corporation tax	30	37
Social security and other taxes	136	184
Other creditors	11	33
Accruals and deferred income	167	77
	<u>1,342</u>	<u>1,578</u>

Advances against trade debtors are secured by a fixed charge over the book debts and a floating charge over other assets of the company.

9 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Bank loans	<u>9</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>9</u>	<u>52</u>

Bank loans

The bank loans are secured by a fixed charge over specific fixed assets.

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Borrowings are repayable as follows:

	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000
<i>Within one year</i>		
Bank and other borrowings	70	54
<i>After one and within two years</i>		
Bank and other borrowings	9	43
<i>After two and within five years</i>		
Bank and other borrowings	-	9
	79	106

10 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Deferred taxation	Total
	£'000	£'000
At 1 May 2001	53	53
Reversed during the year	(19)	(19)
At 30 April 2002	34	34

11 DEFERRED TAXATION

	Amount provided		Amount unprovided	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Accelerated capital allowances	53	53	-	6
Decrease in provision due to change in assessable rate of tax	(19)	-	-	-
	34	53	-	6

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12 SHARE CAPITAL

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Authorised 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

13 RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 May 2001	1,424
Retained profit for the year	<u>113</u>
At 30 April 2002	<u>1,537</u>

14 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2002 £'000	2001 £'000
Profit for the financial year	113	150
Shareholders' funds at 1 May 2001	<u>1,524</u>	<u>1,374</u>
Shareholders' funds at 30 April 2002	<u>1,637</u>	<u>1,524</u>

15 LEASING COMMITMENTS

Operating lease payments amounting to £146,528 (2001: £146,528) are due within one year. The leases to which these amounts relate expire as follows:

In one year or less	147	-
Between one and five years	<u>-</u>	<u>147</u>
	<u>147</u>	<u>147</u>

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16 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at 30 April 2002 or 30 April 2001.

17 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has provided an unlimited guarantee to Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited, in favour of the group's bankers.

18 PENSIONS

Defined Contribution Scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the employees and directors. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent from those of the company.

The pension cost charge for the year was £21,487 (2001: £23,983).

19 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited, the company is exempt from the requirements of the FRSSE to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited.

20 CONTROLLING RELATED PARTY

The directors consider that the ultimate parent undertaking of this company is its parent company Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited.

Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited is this company's controlling related party by virtue of being the ultimate parent undertaking.

The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up is that headed by Spiral Packs (Holdings) Limited which is registered in England and Wales.