FIRS PETROLEUM LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1997

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Firs Petroleum Limited was incorporated in England on 8th February 1980.

Company Registration Number: 1478021

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ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

FIRS PETROLEUM LIMITED

We have examined, without carrying out an audit, the accounts for the year ended 30th April 1997 set out on pages 3 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND REPORTING ACCOUNTANT

As described on page 1 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and they believe that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to examine the accounts and, based on our examination, to report our opinion, as set out below, to the members.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our examination in accordance with the appropriate standards for reporting accountants issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This examination consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Company, and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the Company as we consider necessary for the purposes of this report.

The examination was not an audit conducted in accordance with auditing standards. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the accounts. Therefore our examination does not provide any assurance that the accounting records and the accounts are free from material mis-statement.

OPINION

In our opinion:

a) The accounts are in agreement with those accounting records kept by the Company under Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985;

b) Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 specified in Section 249C(6) of the Companies Act 1985; and

c) Having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records, the Company satisfied the requirements of Section 249A(4) for the year and did not, at any time within that year, fall within Section 249B(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

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Reporting Accountants

Date: 25th February 1998

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FIRS PETROLEUM LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 1997

	Note	1997 £	1997 £	1996 £	1996 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible Assets	2		20,781		27,906
Tangible Assets	3		57,589		70,197
Investments	4		5,103		5,000
			83,473		103,103
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks		554		500	
Debtors	5	29,673		26,073	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		17,735		4,605	
		47,962		31,178	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	(74,370)		(50,202)	
Net Current Liabilities			(26,408)		(19,024)
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			57,065		84,079
Provisions For Liabilities And Charges:					
Deferred Taxation			(5,254)		(9,030)
Net Assets			51,811		75,049
			======		======
			£		£
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Share Capital	7		1,000		1,000
Profit and Loss Account			50,811		74,049
			51,811		75,049
			======		======

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL 1997

The Company is entitled to take advantage of the audit exemption given by Section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30th April 1997, because the Directors have caused a report in respect of its accounts for the financial year to be made to the Members.

No Notice has been deposited by holders of 10% or more of the Company's issued share capital requiring the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the financial year; and

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:-

i) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, and

ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year, and of its loss/profit for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of this Act relating to accounts so far as they are applicable to the Company.

The Abbreviated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to Small Companies.

Date approved by the Board: 25th February 1998

Director .....

The notes on pages 4 to 6 form part of these Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Historical Cost Convention.

The principal Accounting Policies which the Directors have adopted within that convention are set out below.

TURNOVER.

The Turnover shown in the Profit and Loss Account represents amounts received and receivable by the Company during the year, net of Value Added Tax.

DEPRECIATION.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, net of anticipated disposal proceeds, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill	25% straight line basis
Plant & Equipment	15% reducing balance basis
Fixtures & Fittings	15% reducing balance basis
Motor Vehicles	25% reducing balance basis

STOCK.

Stock has been valued by the Directors at the lower of cost or net realisable value. The basis of this stock valuation has not changed from the previous year.

DEBTORS.

Debtors are shown after making provision for all debts which the Directors feel are likely to prove irrecoverable.

DEFERRED TAXATION.

Provision has been made for Deferred Taxation, which has been calculated at the rate of Corporation Tax applying at the date of the Balance Sheet, as a result of accelerated Capital Allowances being the difference between the Balance Sheet Written Down Value and the Written Down Value for taxation purposes.

FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS.

Investments are included at Cost.

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1997
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2. INTANGIBLE ASSETS.

	GOODWILL
COST:	£
Balance brought forward at 1st May 1996	28,500
Balance carried forward at 30th April 1997	28,500
AMORTISATION:	£
Balance brought forward at 1st May 1996	594
Amortisation charge for the period	7,125
Balance carried forward at 30th April 1997	7,719
NET BOOK VALUE:	£
Net book value at 30th April 1997	20,781
Net book value at 1st May 1996	27,906

3. FIXED TANGIBLE ASSETS.

	TOTAL
COST OR VALUATION:	£
Balance brought forward at 1st May 1996	124,958
Disposals at cost	(13,862)
Balance carried forward at 30th April 1997	111,096
DEPRECIATION:	£
Balance brought forward at 1st May 1996	54,761
Depreciation on disposals	(9,527)
Depreciation charge for the period	8,273
Balance carried forward at 30th April 1997	53,507
NET BOOK VALUE:	£
Net book value at 30th April 1997	57,589
Net book value at 1st May 1996	70,197

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NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th APRIL 1997
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4. INVESTMENTS.

	Investments other than Loans £
COST - 30th April 1997	5,103
NET BOOK VALUE - 30th April 1997	5,103

Investments include listed investments amount to £103, being 410 ordinary shares of 25p each in Manganese Bronze Holdings Plc.

Unlisted investments amounting to £5,000 comprise 5,000 5% preference shares of £1 each in Hurlston Hall Golf Club Plc.

5. DEBTORS.

All amounts shown as Debtors are recoverable within one year.

6. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year.

	1997 £	1996 £
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	3,521	11,784

7. SHARE CAPITAL.

	1997 £	1996 £
AUTHORISED SHARE CAPITAL:		
10,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID:		
1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS.

Material Interests of Directors.

During the year the Company acquired services to the value of £8,280 (1996 £7,352), and received £12,000 (1996 £12,000) in respect of Management Charges from Taxifix Limited, a Company in which W.P.Lynch and D.A.Lynch are materially interested as Shareholders. The transactions were made on normal trading terms.