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DEADLINE GROUP LIMITED
ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO DEADLINE GROUP LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2000 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

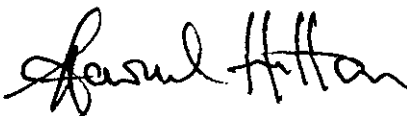
The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.



Harwood Hutton

Registered Auditor

19.04.01

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	£	1999 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	3		214		-
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		100		100	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(214)		-	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(114)		100
Total assets less current liabilities			100		100
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	4		100		100
Shareholders' funds			100		100

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

The financial statements were approved by the board on 19.04.01



P R Burdett
Director

DEADLINE GROUP LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.3 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

2 Activity and results

The company has not traded and has therefore not provided a profit and loss account for the year.

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3 Fixed assets

	Investments £
Cost	
At 1 January 2000	-
Additions	214
At 31 December 2000	<u>214</u>

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Class	Shares held %
Subsidiary undertakings			
Deadline Express (UK) Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Same Day Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Worldwide Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline International Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Express Deliveries Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Couriers Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Next Day Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Despatch Deadlines Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Deadline Overnight Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Capital and reserves	Profit for the year
Deadline Express (UK) Limited	2	-
Deadline Same Day Limited	2	-
Deadline Worldwide Limited	100	-
Deadline International Limited	2	-
Deadline Express Deliveries Limited	2	-
Deadline Couriers Limited	2	-
Deadline Next Day Limited	2	-
Despatch Deadlines Limited	2	-
Deadline Overnight Limited	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>

All of the above companies are dormant companies.

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4	Share capital	2000	1999
		£	£
	Authorised		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £ 1 each	1,000	1,000
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	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	100 ordinary shares of £ 1 each	100	100
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5 Ultimate parent company

The ultimate parent is Deadline Despatch Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

Deadline Despatch Limited was under the control of P R Burdett throughout both the current and previous years.