

ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1997

FOR

EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED



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EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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Mrs H J Halladay

SECRETARY: Mrs H J Halladay

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EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO
EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 24 OF SCHEDULE 8 TO THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six together with the full financial statements of EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 1997.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page four and whether the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

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 the exemptions and that the abbreviated financial statements 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 under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 30 June 1997, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages four to six have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 23 April 1998 we reported, as auditors of EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 30 June 1997, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages four to twelve which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page six.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies."

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Dated: *23* April 1998

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ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

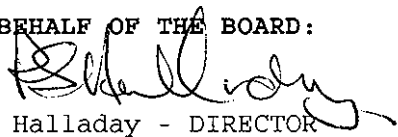
As at 30 June 1997

		30. 6.97		30. 6.96	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible Assets	2		365,282		349,704
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks		48,648		37,225	
Debtors		152,546		81,912	
Cash In Hand		150		222	
		201,344		119,359	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	241,119		174,165	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:			(39,775)		(54,806)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			325,507		294,898
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	3		(156,879)		(154,736)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES:			(5,000)		(5,000)
			£163,628		£135,162
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called Up Share Capital	4		1,000		1,000
Profit & Loss Account			162,628		134,162
Shareholders' Funds			£163,628		£135,162

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section A of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the opinion of the directors, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a small company.

In preparing the full financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of special exemptions applicable to small companies conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. The directors have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions because it meets the qualifying conditions for small companies as stated in Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


P S Halladay - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 23 April 1998

The notes form part of these financial statements

EXPRESS WELDING SUPPLIES LIMITED

NOTES TO THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the Year Ended 30 June 1997

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Accounting Convention

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

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company qualifies as a small company.

Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Freehold Property	- at a rate of £2000 per annum
Equipment & Furniture	- 25% on cost
Motor Vehicles	- 25% on cost

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred Taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

Hire Purchase and Leasing Commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

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2. **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Total
	£
COST:	
As at 1 July 1996	388,233
Additions	26,519
Disposals	(2,600)
As at 30 June 1997	412,152
DEPRECIATION:	
As at 1 July 1996	38,529
Charge for Year	10,706
Eliminated on Disposals	(2,365)
As at 30 June 1997	46,870
NET BOOK VALUE:	
As at 30 June 1997	£365,282
As at 30 June 1996	£349,704

3. **CREDITORS**

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	30. 6.97	30. 6.96
	£	£
Bank Overdrafts	46,464	50,760
Bank Loans	157,100	179,773
	203,564	230,533

Creditors include the following debts falling due in more than five years:

	30. 6.97	30. 6.96
	£	£
Repayable by instalments		
Bank Loans	98,915	108,888

4. **CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:				
Number:	Class:	Nominal	30. 6.97	30. 6.96
		Value:	£	£
1,000	Ordinary Shares	£1	1,000	1,000