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Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2002
for
Durham Specsavers Limited



Durham Specsavers Limited
Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

DIRECTORS: Specsavers Optical Group Limited
Mrs M L Perkins
P Archibald
B R Kidney

SECRETARY: Specsavers Optical Group Limited

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AUDITORS: HLB AV Audit plc
Registered Auditors
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Report of the Independent Auditors to

Durham Specsavers Limited

Under Section 247B of the Companies Act 1985

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages three to six, together with the full financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2002 prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements 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 financial statements prepared in accordance with Sections 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the financial statements to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of audit opinion

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated financial statements and that the abbreviated financial statements 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 full financial statements.

Opinion

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

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Dated: 6th January 2003

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Abbreviated Balance Sheet
31 March 2002

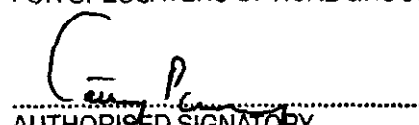
		31.3.02	31.3.01
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Tangible assets	2	81,303	74,037
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks		15,264	11,340
Debtors		38,531	36,522
Group Treasury Company		103,780	81,462
Cash in hand		50	50
		157,625	129,374
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	3	(205,541)	(174,846)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:		(47,916)	(45,472)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:		33,387	28,565
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	3	(1,164)	-
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES:		(1,668)	(4,495)
		<u>£30,555</u>	<u>£24,070</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:			
Called up share capital	4	100	100
Profit and loss account		30,455	23,970
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:		<u>£30,555</u>	<u>£24,070</u>

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

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


- DIRECTOR

FOR SPECSAVERS OPTICAL GROUP


AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS ON 6th January 2003

The notes form part of these financial statements

Durham Specsavers Limited

Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

1. **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

Turnover

Turnover represents the net amounts invoiced to customers net of 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.

Optical Equipment	- 14% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 14-25% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is determined on an average cost basis. Net realisable is based on estimated selling price allowing for all further costs of completion and disposal.

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.

Pension Costs

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for two of the directors under which the pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of contributions payable to the scheme for the period.

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2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Total
	£
COST:	
At 1 April 2001	152,643
Additions	47,699
Disposals	(381)
At 31 March 2002	199,961
DEPRECIATION:	
At 1 April 2001	78,607
Charge for year	40,195
Eliminated on disposals	(144)
At 31 March 2002	118,658
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 March 2002	81,303
At 31 March 2001	74,037

3. CREDITORS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.3.02	31.3.01
	£	£
Finance Leases & HP Contracts	1,975	-

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, issued and fully paid:

Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	31.3.02	31.3.01
			£	£
100	"A" Shares	£.50	50	50
100	"B" Shares	£.50	50	50
			100	100

In accordance with the Articles of Association the following rights attach to the shares a) to "A" shares, the right to receive that part (including the whole) of the profits of the company which the directors shall, from time to time, determine to distribute as dividends. b) to "B" shares, the right to appoint the chairman of the board of directors and of the general meeting of the company. The "B" shares are held by Specsavers Optical Group Limited. In all other respects both classes of share carry equal rights over the assets of the company, subject to those provisions as laid out within the shareholders agreement.

5. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

As at the year end Specsavers International Healthcare Limited could technically be considered to be the ultimate parent company of Durham Specsavers Limited. Mr and Mrs Perkins have the controlling interest in the ordinary share capital of Specsavers International Healthcare Limited, the ultimate parent company. Specsavers International Healthcare Limited is a Guernsey registered company and its accounts are not available to the public.

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6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company has conducted the following transactions with its director, Specsavers Optical Group Limited and its subsidiaries. Specsavers Optical Group Limited is wholly owned by Specsavers International Healthcare Limited.

Purchases of Goods £123,204 (2001: £105,069), Overhead Costs £253,198 (2001: £224,436) and Other Income £3,516 (2001: £3,762).

These transactions were made on an arms length basis during the normal course of trading and Specsavers Optical Group Limited has confirmed that it will continue to provide these goods and services for the foreseeable future.

The balance with the Group Treasury Company is held with Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Specsavers International Healthcare Limited. Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited is incorporated in Guernsey, and provides treasury services to the company and other Specsavers Group companies.