

Meiji (UK) Limited
Directors' report and accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2000

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Directors and Advisors for the year ended 31 December 2000

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2000

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2000.

Principal activity

The Company's principal business activity is the sale (or distribution) of Japanese parts and automated equipment.

Business review

During the year the company expanded its customer base and the directors are optimistic regarding the company's future prospects.

Results and dividend

The Company made a profit after taxation for the period of £3,175 (1999 : loss of £45,083). The profit for the year has been transferred to reserves.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2000 (1999: £Nil).

Directors and Directors' interests

The Directors of the company during the year were:

S Kishioka
Y Yasui
M Hayashi

None of the directors had any beneficial interest in any contract to which the Company was a party to during the year.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

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 year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

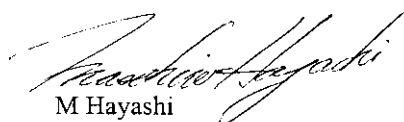
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The company auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board



M Hayashi
Director
30 September 2001

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Auditors' report to the members of Meiji (UK) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 12 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report. As described on page 3, this includes responsibility for preparing the financial statements, in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and our profession's ethical guidance.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Companies Act. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit 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 judgements 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.

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 at 31 December 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Birmingham
30 September 2001

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover	2	1,339,720	851,020
Cost of sales		(1,031,471)	(673,435)
Gross profit		308,249	177,585
Administrative expenses		(307,432)	(226,051)
Operating profit/(loss)		817	(48,466)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	3,368	3,383
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		4,185	(45,083)
Taxation on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	(1,010)	-
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year	13	3,175	(45,083)

There are no recognised gains or losses for the current financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account

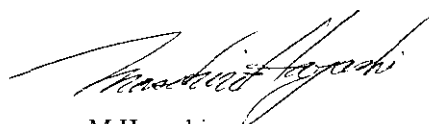
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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2000

	Notes	2000	1999
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	29,985	39,434
Current assets			
Stock	8	88,564	17,011
Debtors	9	219,443	174,509
Cash at bank and in hand		161,407	65,783
		<u>469,414</u>	<u>257,303</u>
Creditors (amounts due falling within one year)	10	<u>(390,299)</u>	<u>(190,812)</u>
Net current assets		79,115	66,491
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>109,100</u>	<u>105,925</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	200,000	200,000
Profit and loss account	13	(90,900)	(94,075)
Equity shareholders' funds	14	<u>109,100</u>	<u>105,925</u>

In preparing these accounts the directors have taken advantage of the special exemption applicable to small companies conferred by S246 (8) of the Companies Act 1985 and have done so on the grounds that the company is entitled to the benefit of the exemptions as a small company.

Approved by the Board on 30 September 2001 and signed on their behalf by:



M Hayashi
Director

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000

1 Accounting policies

(1) Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(2) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful economic lives which are:

Office equipment	-	5 years
Motor vehicles	-	5 years

(3) Operating leases

Rentals incurred under operating leases are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

(4) Foreign currency balances

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the dates of each transaction, any translation differences are included within the current profit and loss account.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange prevailing at the balance sheet date.

(5) Stocks

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

(6) Deferred taxation

A deferred taxation provision, calculated using the liability method, is made only where the effects of timing differences between profits as stated in the accounts and those as computed for taxation purposes are likely to reverse in the foreseeable future and result in a tax payment.

2 Turnover

Turnover is the value of goods and services invoiced, excluding value added tax. The turnover is wholly attributable to the company's principal activity which, in the opinion of the directors, comprises of one class of business.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

3 Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

	2000	1999
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging the following amounts		
Auditors' remuneration:		
Audit services	7,500	6,500
Non audit services	2,900	4,550
Depreciation	11,411	9,843

4 Staff numbers and costs

	2000	1999
	£	£
Wages and salaries	180,447	140,159
Social security costs	13,226	7,406
	<u>193,673</u>	<u>147,565</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Company during the period was 6 (1999: 6).

The directors received no remuneration during the period and no pension scheme is available to the directors.

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	2000	1999
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>3,368</u>	<u>3,383</u>

6 Taxation

	2000	1999
	£	£
Tax based on profit on ordinary activities:		
Corporation tax at 30% (1999 : 30%) in respect of current year	<u>1,010</u>	<u>-</u>

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

7 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor vehicle £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 31 December 1999	46,076	7,598	53,674
Additions	11,700	715	12,415
Disposals	(15,679)	-	(15,679)
At 31 December 2000	42,097	8,313	50,410
Depreciation			
At 31 December 1999	12,191	2,049	14,240
Charge for year	9,880	1,531	11,411
Disposals	(5,226)	-	(5,226)
At 31 December 2000	16,845	3,580	20,425
Net book amount			
At 31 December 2000	25,252	4,733	29,985
At 31 December 1999	33,885	5,549	39,434

8 Stocks

	2000 £	1999 £
Purchased goods and goods for sale	88,564	17,011

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

9 Debtors

	2000	1999
	£	£
Trade debtors	196,010	146,645
Amounts owed by ultimate parent company	5,066	3,887
Amounts owed by immediate parent company	-	199
Other debtors	15,401	20,056
Prepayments and accrued income	2,966	3,722
	<u>219,443</u>	<u>174,509</u>

10 Creditors (amounts falling due within one year)

	2000	1999
	£	£
Trade creditors	44,434	26,450
Amounts owed to ultimate parent company	272,482	133,782
Amounts owed to immediate parent company	10,817	9,583
Corporation tax	1,010	-
Other taxation and social security	12,577	5,497
Accruals and deferred income	48,979	15,500
	<u>390,299</u>	<u>190,812</u>

11 Deferred taxation

	Provided	Full (asset)/ provision 2000	Provided	Full (asset)/ provision 1999
	£	£	£	£
Tax losses	-	(27,429)	-	(27,242)
Other timing differences	-	30	-	30
	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,399)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,212)</u>

The company has a net deferred tax asset at 31 December 2000 which has not been recognised within the accounts.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

12 Called up share capital

	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised:		
1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

13 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders funds and movement of reserves

	Profit and loss account £
At 31 December 1999	(94,075)
Profit for the year	3,175
At 31 December 2000	<u>(90,900)</u>

14 Opening shareholders' funds

	£
Opening shareholders' funds	105,925
Profit for the year	3,175
At 31 December 2000	<u>109,100</u>

15 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 relating to 90% subsidiary undertakings and has not disclosed details of transactions with other undertakings Meiji Electrics Industries Co. Ltd group.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2000 (continued)

16 Parent and Ultimate Controlling Party

The immediate parent company is Meiji Corporation in the U.S., which consolidates Meiji UK Ltd into these accounts.

The ultimate parent company is Meiji Electric Industries Corporation Inc, Ltd incorporated in Japan, and is the largest group to consolidate these accounts.

A copy of Meiji Corporation Inc group accounts can be obtained from 660 Fango Avenue, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007, USA. A copy of Meiji Electric Industries Co. Ltd group accounts can be obtained from 2-Chome 13-8, Kamijima, Nakamura Ku, Nagoya, Japan.