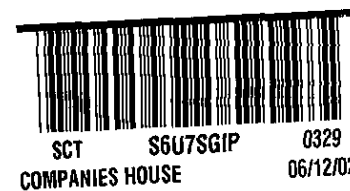


**John Hunter & Sons
(Transport) Limited**

**Directors' report and accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2002**

SL 26681



John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

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John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Company information

Directors HS Lawson (Chairman)
HBS Lawson

Secretary HS Lawson

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Auditors Henderson Loggie
Chartered Accountants
Royal Exchange
Dundee
DD1 1DZ

Bankers Clydesdale Bank plc
92 High Street
Dundee
DD1 9DD

Registered number 26681

John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Directors' report

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 May 2002.

Activity and review of business

The company did not trade during the year.

Directors

The directors of the company at the date of this report and throughout the year are shown on page 1.

The interest of Mr HS Lawson in the share capital of the holding company, Harry Lawson Limited, is disclosed in the company's directors' report.

The director retiring by rotation is Mr HBS Lawson who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of Henderson Loggie as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

By order of the board



HS Lawson
Secretary

4 November 2002

John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Directors' responsibilities for the preparation of accounts

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts 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 period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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 accounts 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.

John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

We have audited the accounts of John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited for the year ended 31 May 2002 on pages 5 and 6. These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the accounts give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the accounts, 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 with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

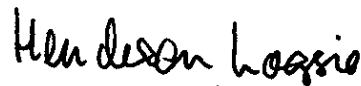
Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

There were no transactions on the revenue account during the year and in our opinion the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 May 2002 and has been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Henderson Loggie
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
Dundee

4 November 2002

John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Balance sheet at 31 May 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>(10,562)</u>	<u>(10,562)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	4	20,000	20,000
Profit and loss account		<u>(30,562)</u>	<u>(30,562)</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>(10,562)</u>	<u>(10,562)</u>

The directors have taken advantage in the preparation of the accounts of the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 4 November 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:



HS Lawson
Director

John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited

Notes to the accounts

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

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

2 Profit and loss account

During the financial year the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during the year the company made neither a profit nor a loss.

3 Creditors

	2002 £	2001 £
Due within one year:		
Amount owed to parent company	<u>10,562</u>	<u>10,562</u>

4 Called up share capital

Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid

20,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
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5 Holding company

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Harry Lawson Limited, a company registered in Scotland and incorporated in Great Britain.

6 Guarantees

There is a cross guarantee between John Hunter & Sons (Transport) Limited, Harry Lawson Limited, Lawson Trailer Rentals and all other subsidiaries of Lawson Trailer Rentals and Harry Lawson Limited. The company has also granted a bond and floating charge over its assets to the Clydesdale Bank plc.