

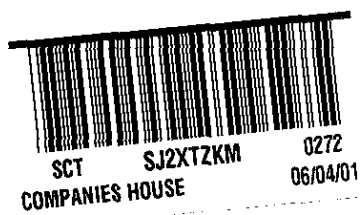
PATON PLANT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 JUNE 2000

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PATON PLANT LIMITED
REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their report together with the accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 2000.

RESULTS

The results and appropriations for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4.

FINAL DIVIDEND

The directors recommend a final dividend for the year of £350,000.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year were as follows :

Mr Patrick M Shepherd	(Chairman)
Mr G Finlayson	(Managing Director)
Mr S Price	

The director retiring by rotation is Mr G Finlayson and, being eligible, he offers himself for re-election.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company's principal activity is the marketing, distribution and servicing of Portakabin Limited products for sale and hire.

The company performed very well across all of its operations and produced very satisfactory results in terms of both profit and turnover growth.

AUDITORS

The company's auditors, Creers, have indicated their willingness to be re-appointed.

By order of the Board



P J Clarke
Secretary
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19 October 2000

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO PATON PLANT LIMITED
UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 3 to 8, together with the full statutory accounts of the company for the year ended 30 June 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 246A 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 section 246A(3) of the Act to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with that provision and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the accounts, 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 full financial statements.

OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246A(3) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 3 to 8 are properly prepared in accordance with that provision.



CREERS
Chartered Accountants
and
Registered Auditors

St Andrew's House
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YO1 7FS

19 October 2000

PATON PLANT LIMITED
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

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

TURNOVER

Turnover represents the sales value of products delivered and includes hire income.

DEPRECIATION OF FIXED ASSETS

Depreciation is provided against the original cost of all fixed assets.

Provision is made by way of equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets which are mainly as follows :-

Plant and equipment	4 - 10 years
Buildings	9 - 25 years

STOCKS

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

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is accounted for, using the liability method, in respect of tax reductions arising from the incidence of capital allowances and other timing differences, except where it can be demonstrated with reasonable probability that the tax reductions will continue for the foreseeable future.

PATON PLANT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 30 June 2000

	Notes	2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
GROSS PROFIT		3,080	2,144
Indirect costs and interest	1	1,840	1,617
		—	—
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		1,240	527
Taxation	2	384	166
		—	—
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		856	361
Dividends	3	425	246
		—	—
RETAINED PROFIT		431	115
Balance Brought Forward		1,479	1,364
		—	—
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		1,910	1,479
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TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES
 All recognised gains and losses
 are included in the profit and
 loss account for the year.

PATON PLANT LIMITED

ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2000

	Notes	2000		1999	
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>EMPLOYMENT OF FINANCE</u>					
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>					
Tangible assets	5		1,418		1,316
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Stocks	6	196		301	
Debtors	7	1,323		886	
Cash at bank and in hand		797		752	
		2,316		1,939	
CREDITORS due within one year	8	1,673		1,635	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			643		304
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			2,061		1,620
<u>SOURCE OF FINANCE</u>					
<u>PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES</u>					
Deferred taxation	9		51		41
<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>					
Called up share capital	10	100		100	
Profit and loss account		1,910		1,479	
			2,010		1,579
			2,061		1,620
These accounts have been abbreviated in accordance with the special provisions contained in section 246A of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to medium sized companies. Signed on behalf of the Board Patrick M Shepherd))) Directors G. Finlayson)) 19 October 2000					

PATON PLANT LIMITED

NOTES ON THE ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30 June 2000

1. INDIRECT COSTS AND INTEREST	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Employment costs :		
Salaries	931	838
Social security costs	93	83
Other pension costs	73	58
Depreciation	196	173
Auditors' remuneration	5	4
Other external and operating charges	592	524
Interest receivable	(50)	(63)
	<u>1,840</u>	<u>1,617</u>
2. TAXATION		
Corporation tax at 30% (1999 - 30.75%)	385	170
Deferred taxation	10	11
Adjustments relating to previous years	(11)	(15)
	<u>384</u>	<u>166</u>
3. DIVIDENDS		
Interim dividend paid	75	66
Proposed final dividend	350	180
	<u>425</u>	<u>246</u>

4. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Only one director received remuneration during the year in respect of his duties as a director amounting to £1,250 (1999 - £1,250).

The directors of the company are employees of the ultimate parent company and receive their emoluments in that capacity.

The average number of employees engaged in the company's activities during the year was 55 (1999 - 50).

5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Plant and equipment £'000	2000 Total £'000	1999 Total £'000
COST				
At 1 July 1999	1,261	1,252	2,513	2,204
Additions	148	150	298	389
Disposals	-	(10)	(10)	(80)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 June 2000	<u>1,409</u>	<u>1,392</u>	<u>2,801</u>	<u>2,513</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 July 1999	484	713	1,197	1,103
Charge for year	89	107	196	173
Disposals	-	(10)	(10)	(79)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
At 30 June 2000	<u>573</u>	<u>810</u>	<u>1,383</u>	<u>1,197</u>
NET BOOK VALUE at 30 June 2000	<u>836</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>1,418</u>	<u>1,316</u>

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

There was no capital expenditure contracted for but not provided at 30 June 2000 (1999 - £48,000).

6. STOCKS	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Raw materials and consumables	169	173
Finished goods and goods for resale	27	128
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>196</u>	<u>301</u>

7. DEBTORS

Trade debtors	994	790
Other debtors and prepayments	329	96
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>1,323</u>	<u>886</u>

8. CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	461	465
Amounts owed to group companies	448	527
Current corporation tax	290	170
Other taxes and social security	33	28
Accruals and deferred income	91	265
Proposed final dividend	350	180
	<u>1,673</u>	<u>1,635</u>

9. DEFERRED TAXATION

Taxation deferred in respect of capital allowances (fully provided for)	51	41
	<u>51</u>	<u>41</u>

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

The authorised share capital of the company is £100,000 divided into ordinary shares of £1 each, all of which are allotted and fully paid.

11. PENSIONS

The company's employees (where eligible) are members of a group pension scheme which provides benefits on both a defined benefit and defined contribution basis. The funds of the scheme are independent of the group's finances and are administered by trustees. Pension costs and contribution levels are assessed in the light of recommendations by external actuaries based on pension costs across the group as a whole. Particulars of the actuarial valuation of the group scheme are contained in the financial statements of Shepherd Building Group Limited.

12. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The company has entered into joint guarantees to secure bank borrowings by other group companies.

13. PARENT COMPANY AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

Group accounts are prepared by Shepherd Building Group Limited, the ultimate parent company. Only Mr Patrick M Shepherd is a director of that company and his interests in its shares are shown in the parent company's director's report. No directors have any other interests in shares in the company or any other body corporate in the group. Transactions with related group entities are not disclosed in accordance with paragraph 3 of FRS 8.