Turner Access Limited

REPORT & ACCOUNTS

Period ended 29th March 2002



Registration Number - 45574

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the 52 weeks ended 29th March 2002.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The trading loss for the period after taxation amounted to £117,457.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company's principal activity during the period was the sale and hire of scaffolding and access towers.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

It is the intention of the company to develop its existing interests whilst seeking to exploit new opportunities as they arise.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors at 29th March 2002 were as follows:

J. D. Russell
A. Gordon Turner
B. J. Houston
A. O. Walker
G. J. Gallagher
S. MacLean
P. Bennett

G. Wilson resigned as a director on 18th March 2002. J.D. Russell resigned as a director on 11th July 2002.
P. Bennett was appointed a director on 1st March 2002. Alan G. Turner was appointed a director on 11th July 2002.

B. J. Houston held 500 25p ordinary shares in Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Limited throughout the period.

No other director, who is not also a director of the holding company, had any interest in the shares of the company or of any group companies at any time during the period.

In accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association all directors retire at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss for that year. 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.

AUDITORS

Ernst & Young LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

W. S. Sharp
Secretary

25th October 2002

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
to the members of Turner Access Limited

We have audited the company's accounts for the period ended 29th March 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 17. These accounts have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out herein.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

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 the 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

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 29th March 2002 and of its loss for the 52 weeks then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor
GLASGOW.

25th October 2002

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
for the 52 weeks ended 29th March 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
TURNOVER	2	2,730,352	4,306,809
Cost of sales		1,733,187	2,986,038
Gross profit		997,165	1,320,771
Administrative expenses		1,160,336	1,158,638
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	(163,171)	162,133
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	(45,714)	51,401
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	12	(117,457)	110,732

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss attributable to the members of the company of £117,457 in the period ended 29th March 20021 (2001 profit of £110,732).

The notes on pages 6 to 12 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET
at 29th March 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	511,263	584,113
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	7	724,752	621,318
Debtors	8	858,185	1,501,057
Cash at bank and in hand		383,733	54,597
		1,966,670	2,176,972
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	9	1,747,593	1,916,328
NET CURRENT ASSETS		219,077	260,644
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		730,340	844,757
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Deferred taxation	10	29,121	26,081
NET ASSETS		701,219	818,676
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	100	100
Profit and loss account	12	701,119	818,576
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS		701,219	818,676

A. Gordon Turner
Director

25th October 2002

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
at 29th March 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

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

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, from the accounting period in which the assets are brought into use as follows:

Aerial platforms	-	15% per annum on a straight line basis
Plant and machinery	-	15% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Fixtures and fittings	-	15% per annum on a reducing balance basis
Motor vehicles	-	25% per annum on a straight line basis
Computer equipment	-	33.3% per annum on a straight line basis

Access Equipment

Equipment purchased for the purpose of hire is capitalised and depreciated over its expected useful life at 8% to 30% per annum straight line, until such time as the equipment is sold when it is transferred to stock at the net book value at that date.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value as follows:

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition:

Raw materials	Purchase cost on a first in, first out basis.
Work in progress and finished goods	Cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads based on a normal level of activity.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions:

- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transactions. Balances denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods sold and services provided, which fall within the company's ordinary activities, all of which are continuing, stated net of value added tax.

3. (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

(a) This is stated after charging (or crediting):

		2002 £	*2001* £
Auditors' remuneration	- audit services	5,600	5,600
	- other services	1,350	1,350
Depreciation		134,541	115,832
Operating lease	- motor vehicles	42,616	42,998
Gain on sale of fixed assets		-	-

(b) Directors' remuneration

	2002 £	*2001* £
Emoluments (including pension contributions)	204,005	209,791
	No.	*No.*
Members of defined benefit pension scheme	3	3

4. STAFF COSTS

	2002 £	*2001* £
Wages and salaries	1,001,610	1,000,655
Social security costs	97,362	101,607
Other pension costs	78,975	80,397
	1,177,947	1,182,659

The average weekly number of employees during the period was made up as follows:

	No.	*No.*
Office and management	23	26
Operating	40	43
	63	69

5. TAX ON (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2002 £	*2001* £
UK Corporation tax		
UK Corporation tax	-	41,833
Group relief recoverable	(49,530)	-
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	776	-
Total Current Tax (Credit)/Charge	(48,754)	41,833
Deferred tax		
Originating and reversal of timing differences	3,040	9,560
	(45,714)	51,393

Factors affecting the current tax (credit)/charge

The tax assessed on the (loss)/profit for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below.

	2002 £	*2001* £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(163,171)	162,133
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 30% (2001 - 30%)	(48,951)	48,640
Effect of:		
Disallowed expenses and non-taxable income	2,734	2,761
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(3,313)	(9,568)
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	776	-
Total Current Tax (Credit)/Charge	(48,754)	41,833

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & equipment £	*Motor vehicles* £	*Total* £
Cost:			
At 30th March 2001	1,068,476	29,300	1,097,776
Additions	160,778	-	160,778
Disposals	(287,648)	-	(287,648)
At 29th March 2002	941,606	29,300	970,906
Depreciation:			
At 30th March 2001	499,123	14,540	513,663
Provided during the period	130,065	4,476	134,541
Disposals	(188,561)	-	(188,561)
At 29th March 2002	440,627	19,016	459,643
Net book value at 29th March 2002	500,979	10,284	511,263
Net book value at 30th March 2001	569,353	14,760	584,113

7. STOCKS

	2002 £	*2001* £
Raw materials	455,794	444,121
Work in progress	42,874	29,742
Finished goods and goods for resale	226,084	147,455
	724,752	621,318

8. DEBTORS

	2002 £	*2001* £
Group relief	49,530	0
Trade debtors	640,279	988,894
Amounts due by fellow subsidiary undertakings	168,376	512,163
Amounts due by holding company	-	-
	858,185	1,501,057

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2002 £	*2001* £
Trade creditors	87,082	250,773
Amounts due to fellow subsidiary undertakings	23,989	182,158
Amount due to parent undertaking	1,559,826	1,368,980
Corporation tax	-	41,833
Other taxes and social security costs	38,148	36,000
Accruals	38,548	36,584
	1,747,593	1,916,328

10. DEFERRED TAX

Provision for deferred tax

	Deferred tax liability
At 31st March 2001	26,081
Provided during the year	3,313
Prior period adjustment	(273)
At 29th March 2002	29,121

The deferred tax consists of:

	2002 £	*2001* £
Accelerated capital allowances	29,121	26,081
Total deferred tax liabilities	29,121	26,081
Undiscounted net deferred tax liability	29,121	26,081
Discount	-	-
Discounted net deferred tax liability	29,121	26,081

11. SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised		*Allotted, called up and fully paid*	
	2002 £	*2001* £	*2002* £	*2001* £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100

12. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND MOVEMENT ON RESERVES

	Share capital £	*Profit and loss account* £	*Total* £
At 31st March 2000	100	707,844	707,944
Retained profit for the period	-	110,732	110,732
At 30th March 2001	100	818,576	818,676
Retained profit for the period	-	(117,457)	(117,457)
At 29th March 2002	100	701,119	701,219

13. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There are no capital commitments at 29th March 2002 (2001 - Nil).

14. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company participates in a defined benefit pension scheme, the assets of which are held in a separate trustee administered fund known as the Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme. The retirement benefits are funded by way of company and employee contributions, the amounts of which are determined following consultations with independent actuaries who also review periodically the adequacy of the funding.

The fund was last actuarially valued as at 6th April 2000 using the projected unit method. At that date the market value of the assets was £32,444,000 and their actuarial value was sufficient to cover 119% of the benefits that had accrued to members.

The principal assumptions made by the actuaries were that the annual rate of interest earned by the scheme's assets and the annual rate of salary increases were 6.5% and 5% respectively.

The total company pension cost charged for the year was £78,975 (2001 - £68,406).

FRS 17 Retirement Benefits

The valuation used for FRS17 disclosures has been based on the most recent actuarial valuation at 6th April 2000 and updated by Aon Consulting to take account of the requirements of FRS 17 in order to assess the liabilities of the scheme at 29th March 2002.

The financial assumptions used to calculate the scheme liabilities under FRS 17 are:

Discount rate	6.00%
Salary increases	4.25%
Pension increases	2.75%
Price inflation	2.75%

14. PENSION COMMITMENTS - CONTINUED

The assets in the scheme and the expected rate of return were:

	Long term Return p.a.	*Fund Value at 29th March 2002 £'000*
Equities	7.50%	25,662
Bonds & property	6.00%	3,628
Other (including Gilts)	5.25%	2,341
Total market value of assets		31,631
Present value of scheme liabilities		32,530
Deficit in the scheme		(899)
Related deferred tax asset		270
Net pension liability		(629)

15. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company of Turner Access Limited is Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Limited which is registered in Scotland.

The only undertaking for which group accounts are prepared is Turner & Co. (Glasgow) Limited.

16. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

In conjunction with other group companies, an unlimited guarantee has been given in respect of bank overdraft facilities of certain group companies. At 29th March 2002 the contingent liability amounted to £Nil (2001 - £Nil).

17. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 29th March 2002, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Other	
	2002	*2001*
	£	*£*
Operating leases which expire:		
In the second to fifth years inclusive	25,020	35,575