

WILCOX DRUMS LIMITED

COMPANY NUMBER 2470420

COMPANY REGISTERED IN ENGLAND AND WALES

ABBREVIATED STATUTORY ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996

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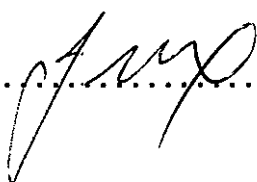
WILCOX DRUMS LTD
ABBREVIATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1996

	Note	<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	[3]		41,892		60,750
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock		26,951		23,757	
Debtors	[1]	174,554		238,116	
Cash at bank and in hand		33,456		7,123	
		<u>234,961</u>		<u>268,996</u>	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year					
Trade creditors		70,449		48,431	
Sundry creditors		351,268		408,976	
		<u>421,717</u>		<u>457,407</u>	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>(186,756)</u>		<u>(188,411)</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES LESS ASSETS			<u>(144,864)</u>		<u>(127,661)</u>
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year					
			<u>(3,111)</u>		<u>(8,444)</u>
			<u>(147,975)</u>		<u>(136,105)</u>
			=====		=====
<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>					
Called up share capital	[2]		1,000		1,000
Reserves					
Profit and loss account - deficit			<u>(148,975)</u>		<u>(137,105)</u>
Deficit on capital and reserves			<u>(147,975)</u>		<u>(136,105)</u>
			=====		=====

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

Signed on behalf of the board of directors

Approved by the board
on 28th August 1997

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 Mr J Wilcox - Director
28th August 1997

WILCOX DRUMS LIMITED**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996****1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES****a. Convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies which have been utilised within this convention are explained in sub-paragraphs b to h inclusive of this note.

b. Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods falling within the company's principal activity. Turnover is stated net of value added tax.

c. Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write down their costs to their estimated residual values by annual instalments over the periods of their anticipated useful economic lives. The rates of depreciation adopted in the accounts for this purpose are as follows:

	Reducing balance
Plant and machinery	25%
Motor vehicles	25%
Fixtures and fittings	25%

d. Stocks

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

e. Deferred taxation

Provision is made for taxation liabilities arising from the allocation of items to different periods for taxation and for accounting purposes. An example of the incidence of such a deferral would be the claiming of capital allowances on qualifying tangible fixed assets in advance of the corresponding provision for depreciation within the accounts. Provisions for deferred taxation are reduced to take account of losses which are available for future deduction in calculating tax liabilities.

f. Group matters

Group matters are dealt with in note 5 to the accounts.

g. Invoice discounting

In the presentation of its financial accounts Wilcox Drums Limited has disclosed the gross sales ledger debts separately from the amounts due to Royal Bank Invoice Finance Limited. A netting-off, or linked presentation was deemed inappropriate as the company retains the major risks and benefits associated with the debts. Wilcox Drums Limited bears the slow payment risk as the interest charged varies with the speed of payment of the debtors. Wilcox Drums Limited also bears all of the credit risk as it must pay for any debts which are not collected before the expiration of the recourse period.

h. Finance leases and hire purchase contracts

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated over their useful economic lives. The corresponding lease or hire purchase obligation is treated in the balance sheet as a liability. The interest element of the rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease on a straight-line basis as a good approximation to the actuarial method where small amounts are involved.

WILCOX DRUMS LTDNOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 19962. SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Authorised		
20,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
	=====	=====
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	=====	=====

3. FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Total tangible fixed assets</u>	
	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Cost at 1st January 1996	136,609	122,010
Additions	1,300	38,055
Disposals in the year	(14,500)	(23,456)
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Cost at 31st December 1996	123,409	136,609
	=====	=====
Depreciation at 1st January 1996	75,859	78,274
Charge for the year	13,945	13,221
Released on disposal	(8,287)	(15,636)
	-----	-----
Depreciation at 31st December 1996	81,517	75,859
	=====	=====
Net book value at 31st December 1996	41,892	60,750
	=====	=====
Net book value at 1st January 1996	60,750	43,736
	=====	=====

WILCOX DRUMS LTDNOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1996**4. SECURED LIABILITIES**

Wilcox Drums Limited has given a charge on its assets to secure its own bank borrowings and the bank borrowings of the holding company Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited and the fellow subsidiary company Container Services Limited. The bank borrowings as at 31st December 1996 were as follows:

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Wilcox Drums Limited	Nil	Nil
Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited	100,158	65,675
Container Services Limited	98	30
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	<u>100,256</u>	<u>65,705</u>
	=====	=====

5. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY OF WILCOX DRUMS LIMITED

The share capital of Wilcox Drums Limited is held equally by Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited and Container services Limited.

As Container Services Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited the directors of Wilcox Drums Limited consider Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited (a company registered in England and Wales) to be the ultimate holding company of Wilcox Drums Limited by virtue of the effective 100% interest in the issued share capital.

The controlling shareholders of the holding company Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited and their interests in the share capital of that company are Mr J Wilcox (37.89%), Mr K Wilcox (37.89%) and Mr A Wilcox (24.22%).

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONSTransactions with holding company Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited

During the year to 31st December 1996 Wilcox Drums Limited paid sales commission of £5,763 (1995-£8,763) and equipment and commercial vehicle hire fees of £4,794 (1995-£5,765) to its holding company Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited.

Joseph Wilcox & Son Ltd also made a service charge to Wilcox Drums Limited for the year to 31st December 1996 of £89,200 (1995-£81,800). This charge was to cover the services of its directors and other costs incurred by the company in relation to the business activities of Wilcox Drums Limited.

Transactions with fellow subsidiary company Container Services Limited

During the year to 31st December 1996 Wilcox Drums Limited paid sales commission of £10,229 (1995-£10,993) to its fellow subsidiary company Container Services Ltd. Factory premises of Container Services Ltd used by Wilcox Drums Ltd in its trade were subject to a rental charge of £15,300 for the year ended 31st December 1996 (1995-£15,300). Container Services Limited also made plant and commercial vehicle hire charges to Wilcox Drums Limited for the year of £8,645 (1995-£9,445).

All of the above transactions with group companies were carried out on normal commercial terms.

Balances with related parties as at 31st December 1996

As at 31st December 1996 Wilcox Drums Ltd had the following debtor/(creditor) balances with other group companies.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
	£	£
Balance with Joseph Wilcox & Son Limited	(75,536)	(66,881)
Balance with Container Services Limited	(119,854)	(125,660)

AUDITORS' REPORT TO WILCOX DRUMS LIMITED
UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 1 to 4 together with the full statutory accounts of the company for the year ended 31st December 1996 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 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 accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 to the registrar of companies and whether the accounts to be so delivered have been properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures which we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the accounts, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be so delivered have been 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 statutory accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985, and the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 1 to 4 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

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28th August 1997