

DAVID ROBERTS (BUILDERS MERCHANTS) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Year Ended 31st December 1998

Company Registration No. 01303174



David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited

Directors' Report for the year ended 31st December 1998

The directors present their annual report and audited accounts for the year ended 31st December 1998.

Activities

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of E Salisbury (Builders Merchants) Limited, which in turn became a wholly owned subsidiary of Travis Perkins plc on the 16th May 1997. Immediately thereafter, the assets, liabilities and trade of the Company were integrated into Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited. The Company has not traded since this date and has remained dormant. Prior to this, the principal activities of the Company had been those of builders' merchants.

Directors and their Interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

E.R.A. Travis
P.N. Hampden Smith

Neither of the directors in office at the balance sheet date was interested in any shares of the Company.

The interests of these directors in the share capital of the ultimate parent company, Travis Perkins plc, are disclosed in that company's financial statements.

Auditors

Barrowman Jackson Stephen have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be laid before the Company at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors
And signed on behalf of the Board.



A.S. Pike
Secretary

Date: 25th October '99

David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

for the year ended 31st December 1998

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit and loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- (i) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iii) State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.

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.

After making enquiries, the directors have formed a judgement at the time of approving the financial statements that there is a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

By order of the Board



A.S. Pike
Secretary

Date: 25th October 1999

**Auditors' Report to the Members
of
David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited
for the year ended 31st December 1998**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9, which have been prepared under the accounting policies, set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2, the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of 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 amount 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 as at 31st December 1998 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Barrowman Jackson Stephen

Barrowman Jackson Stephen,
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors,
Broseley House,
116 Bradshawgate,
LEIGH,
Lancs WN7 4NT.

Date: *28 October 1999.*

David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited

Profit & Loss Account

for the year ended 31st December 1998

		Year ended 31st December 1998	11 months to 31st December 1997
	Note	£	£
Turnover	1	-	271,541
Cost of Sales		-	(203,763)
Gross profit			67,778
Administrative expenses		-	(58,951)
Operating profit		-	8,827
Interest payable	3	-	(2,706)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4	-	6,121
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	(4,341)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation, transferred to reserves		-	1,780

The above trading results relate solely to discontinued operations.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the result shown above for either the year or the previous period.

David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited

Balance Sheet

as at 31st December 1998

		31st December 1998	31st December 1997
	Note	£	£
Current Assets			
Debtors	6	239,763	239,763
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	7	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account		238,763	238,763
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Total equity shareholders' funds	8	239,763	239,763
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The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25th October 1999
Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors.

P. M. Lyden

Director

David Roberts (Builders Merchants) Limited

Accounting Policies

for the year ended 31st December 1998

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

1 Turnover

Turnover represents sales of building and plumbing products (excluding VAT and trade discounts) to customers within the United Kingdom until trade ceased on 16th May 1997.

2 Directors and employees

The average weekly number of persons (including executive directors) employed during the period was:

	Year ended 31st December 1998	1.2.97 to 31.12.97
Sales	-	1
Distribution	-	1
Administration	3	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>
Staff costs		
Sales	-	24,940
Distribution	-	2,201
Administration	-	1,311
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£28,452</u>

The remuneration paid to Directors was:

Emoluments	-	8,361
Contributions to Pension Schemes	-	502
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£8,863</u>

3 Interest payable and similar charges

	Year ended 31st December 1998	1.2.97 to 31.12.97
On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£2,706</u>

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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

4 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	Year ended 31st December 1998	1.2.97 to 31.12.97
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging: -		
Depreciation on tangible fixed assets	£ -	£2,798
Auditors' remuneration	£ -	£500
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5 Taxation

	Year ended 31st December 1998	1.2.97 to 31.12.97
U.K. Corporation Tax @ 24%		
On the adjusted results for the period	-	11,820
Payable from prior years	-	21
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	-	11,841
Transfer from deferred taxation account	-	(7,500)
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	£ -	£4,341
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6 Debtors

	As at 31st December 1998	As at 31st December 1997
E. Salisbury (Builders Merchants) Limited	150,753	150,753
Travis Perkins Trading Company Limited	89,010	89,010
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	£239,763	£239,763
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7 Called up share capital

	As at 31st December 1998	As at 31st December 1997
Authorised 1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<hr/>	<hr/>
	£1,000	£1,000
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Allotted, called up and fully paid 1000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<hr/>	<hr/>
	£1,000	£1,000
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Notes to the Accounts

for the year ended 31st December 1998

8 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	As at 31st December 1998	As at 31st December 1997
Profit for the financial year	-	1,780
Shareholders funds at 31st December 1997 (31st January 1997)	<u>239,763</u>	<u>237,983</u>
Shareholders funds at 31st December 1998 (31st December 1997)	<u>£239,763</u>	<u>£239,763</u>

9 Ultimate Parent Company

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of E. Salisbury (Builders Merchants) Limited, a company registered in Wales. The Company's ultimate parent is Travis Perkins plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Travis Perkins plc Group financial statements are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.