

HUTCHINSON BOOKS LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET
As at 31st December 2003**

	2003	2002
CURRENT ASSETS		
Amounts owed by group undertaking	<u>£2</u>	<u>£2</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital (note 1)	<u>£2</u>	<u>£2</u>

For the year ended 31st December 2003 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors onFebruary 2004 and signed on their behalf

by.....*M. W. Gardiner*.....M Gardiner (Director).

Notes:

1. SHARE CAPITAL

At 31st December 2002 and 31st December 2003:

Authorised:

100 ordinary shares of £1 each £100

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

2 ordinary shares of £1 each £ 2

2. PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company's immediate parent company is The Random House Group Limited.

The company's ultimate parent company is Bertelsmann AG, which is incorporated in Germany.

