

**Company No: 234213**

**First Direct Investments (UK) Limited**  
**(formerly First Direct Limited)**

**Balance Sheet – 31 December 2000**

	2000	1999
<b>Share Capital</b>		
Authorised, issued and fully paid 100 shares of £1 each	£100	£100

Represented by:

**Current Assets**

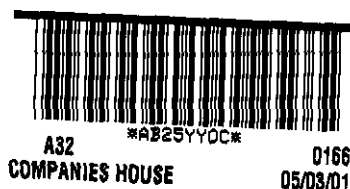
Balances at Bankers	£100	£100
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**Notes**


1. No revenue has been received nor expenditure incurred by the company during the period under review.
2. The ultimate holding company is HSBC Holdings plc which is incorporated in England.

**Statements**

- (a) For the year ended 31 December 2000 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) The member has not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) 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 the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.



These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on  
14 February 2001,  
and signed on their behalf by:

  
..... - Director.