### DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

52 weeks to 17 August 1996

Registered Number 466904



### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and audited financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 17 August 1996.

#### Results

The Company did not trade on its own account during the period.

### **Directors and their Interests**

The directors during the period were:-

Mr R E Bell Mr G W G Whitehead Mr A E Wilkinson

No director has, or has at any time had, any beneficial interest in the share capital or loan capital of the Company. The interests of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year (and their immediate families) in the share and loan capital of Allied Domecq PLC, the Company's ultimate parent company, were as follows:-

	Ordinary Shares of 25	Ordinary Shares of 25p Each		
	<u>At 17 August 1996</u>	At 19 August 1995 (or on appointment)		
Mr R E Bell	2507	2507		
Mr G W G Whitehead	8861	8768		
Mr A E Wilkinson	3610	3106		

Under the terms of Employee Share Schemes, directors have been granted options to subscribe for Ordinary Shares of 25p each in Allied Domecq PLC. The holdings of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year were as follows:-

	<u>At 17 August 1996</u>	At 19 August 1995 (or on appointment)	
Mr R E Bell	11480	9363	
Mr G W G Whitehead	54870	41353	
Mr A E Wilkinson	27264	30067	

### **Auditors**

The Company, having satisfied Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended by Section 14 of the Companies Act 1989), will not re-appoint auditors.

### Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements 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 enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By Order of the Board

R E Bell

Secretary

Registered Office: 107 Station Street **BURTON-ON-TRENT** Staffordshire **DE14 1BZ** 

2 June 1997

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 17 AUGUST 1996**

	17 August 1996		19 August 1995	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Investments				
Loan to Fellow Group Undertakings		16,018	<del>-</del>	16,018
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Share Capital - Authorised				
6,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	6,000	_	6,000	_
Share Capital - Allotted, Called Up and Fully Paid				
6,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each		6,000	)	6,000
Reserves				-
Revenue Reserve		10,018	-	10,018

The Company was dormant within the meaning of Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985 throughout the period ended 17 August 1996.

(The attached notes form part of these financial statements.)

Director

The financial statements were approved by the directors on:

2 June

1997

## NOTES ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 17 AUGUST 1996

## 1 Parent Undertaking and Ultimate Parent Company

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Allied Domecq Retailing Limited whose ultimate parent company is Allied Domecq PLC, both of which are incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England.

### 2 Profit and Loss Account

The Company has not traded on its own account during the fifty two weeks ended 17 August 1996, has received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss.

## 3 <u>Directors' Emoluments</u>

No emoluments have been paid to the Chairman or other Directors during the period.

## 4 Copies of Group Financial Statements

The group financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Allied Domecq PLC, are available from 24 Portland Place, London W1N 4BB.

### 5 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.