Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1996

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activity

The company did not trade during the year.

The only asset of the company is an amount due from an intermediate parent undertaking.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year, and who are still in office, are:

Mr BSE Freshwater Mr D Davis

The Articles of Association do not require the directors to retire by rotation.

Neither director has a service contract or receives any emoluments from the company.

The whole of the issued share capital of the company is owned by Ropemoor Properties Limited, a subsidiary of Barranquilla Investments Limited. At 31 December 1996 neither director had any interest in the share capital of the company or the company's parent undertaking.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 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 ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements 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.

Directors' report (continued)

Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

So far as the directors are aware, the company is a "close company" within the meaning of Section 414 of the above Act.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

CC Morse Secretary

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Auditors' report to the members of CAOB Properties Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As indicated in the Directors' Report the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial 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 amounts 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 31 December 1996 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 10 101 = 1997

Balance sheet at 31 December 1996

Current assets	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Debtors	4	9,999	9,999
Net assets		9,999	9,999
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	5	9,999	9,999

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on its behalf by:

BSE Freshwater

Director

D Davis
Director

The notes on pages 5 and 6 form part of these financial statements.

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

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

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement (in accordance with Financial Reporting No. 1) on the grounds that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of an intermediate holding company registered in England and Wales which prepares consolidated financial statements that include a consolidated cash flow statement.

2 Profit and loss account

During the year and the preceding year, the company did not trade and incurred no income or expenditure. Consequently during those years the company made neither a profit nor a loss and therefore a profit and loss account has not been prepared.

3 Remuneration of directors

The directors did not receive any remuneration during the year or in the previous year.

Apart from the directors there were no other employees of the company during the year or in the previous year.

4 Debtors

	1996	1995
	£	£
Amounts owed by intermediate parent		
undertaking	9,999	9,999

Notes (continued)

5 Called up share capital

	1996 £	1995
Authorised	.	L
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
9,999 Ordinary shares of £1 each	9,999	9,999

6 Ultimate parent undertaking

The parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group financial statements are drawn up is Centremanor Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

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Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from the following address: Freshwater House 158/162 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8HR.

The ultimate parent undertaking is Linnet Limited, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man and controlled by trusts.