DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 706645



COMPANY INFORMATION

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 6 April 2003.

Principal activities and review of the business

The Company is principally engaged in advanced composites engineering.

In the light of the current trading environment, the results for the period and the financial position at the end of the period were considered satisfactory by the Directors.

Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 4.

The Directors do not recommend payment of an ordinary dividend.

Directors

The Directors who held office during the period to 6 April 2003 were as follows:

JRG Wood TJC Webborn SCR Wood RJ Slatter (resigned 30 June 2002) DA Owen HM Cameron (appointed 31 January 2003)

Directors' interests

JRG Wood and SCR Wood each held a beneficial interest in 5,005 'A' non-voting shares of £1 each at the balance sheet date (2002 - 5,005 ordinary shares of £1 each).

The interests of the Directors in the share capital of the Holding Company, SBP Holdings Limited, are disclosed in that Company's Directors' report.

According to the register of Directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in the Company were granted to any of the Directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial period.

Purchase of own shares

During the period the Company took the opportunity to repurchase, from a minority shareholder, 5005 £1 ordinary shares, representing 5% of the issued share capital, for a consideration of £100,100.

Taxation status

The Company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Baker Tilly be reappointed as Auditors of the Company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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 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 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.

By order of the Board

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HM Cameron

Secretary

5 September 2003

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ST BERNARD COMPOSITES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 19.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The Directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

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 appropirate 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

Baker Tilly

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 6 April 2003 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants The Clock House 140 London Road Guildford Surrey, GU1 1UW

5 September 2003

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

	Notes	Period ended 6 April 2003 £	Period ended 31 March 2002 £
Turnover	2	8,862,770	11,922,353
Cost of sales		(5,607,123)	(8,012,002)
Gross profit		3,255,647	3,910,351
Distribution costs		(118,874)	(133,756)
Administrative expenses		(3,072,607)	(3,248,284)
Other operating income		182,057	156,127
Operating profit	3	246,223	684,438
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(160,187)	(228,654)
Profit on activities before taxation		86,036	455,784
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	5,521	(117,797)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	15	91,557	337,987

The profit for the period all derives from continuing activities.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

	Period ended 6 April 2003 £	Period ended 31 March 2002 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	86,036	455,784
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of fixed assets	434,926	-
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	520,962	455,784
NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSE	ES .	
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	86,036	455,784
Difference between an historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	8,010	5,008
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	94,046	460,792
Historical cost profit for the period retained after taxation, extraordinary items and dividends	99,567	342,995

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 6 APRIL 2003

	Notes	2003 £	£	2002 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	6		5,467,538		4,478,988
Investments	7		-		-
		-	5,467,538	-	4,478,988
Current assets					
Stocks	8	2,024,208		1,330,343	
Debtors	9	2,460,337		2,849,347	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,670		685	
		4,486,215	-	4,180,375	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(3,830,142)		(2,679,224)	
Net current assets			656,073		1,501,151
Total assets less current liabilities		•	6,123,611		5,980,139
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(789,132)		(1,036,689)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12		(85,416)		(120,770)
			5,249,063	:	4,822,680
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		95,095		100,100
Capital redemption reserve	15		5,005		-,
Revaluation reserve	15		1,212,146		785,230
Profit and loss account	15		3,936,817		3,937,350
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	16		5,249,063	- =	4,822,680

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 5 September 2003.

JRG Wood

Director

TJC Webborn

Directo

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

		Period ended 6 April 2003 £		Period ended 31 March 2002 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities		696,962		2,569,462
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest paid	(160,187)		(228,654)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		— (160,187)		(228,654)
Taxation		(126,082)		(316,211)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets	(1,069,985) 37,816		(265,854) 8,800	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(1,032,169)		(257,054)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(621,476)		1,767,543
Financing Buy-back of company shares Repayment of long term bank loan Increase in short term loan Capital element of hire purchase contracts	(100,100) (137,217) 813,822 (209,988)		- (178,104) - (311,969)	
	 	366,517		(490,073)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the period		(254,959)		1,277,470

NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

1	Reconciliation of operating profit to net from operating activities	2003	2002		
	nom operating activities			£	£
	Operating profit			246,223	684,438
	Depreciation of tangible assets			482,741	509,755
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of tangible assets			(4,196)	10,083
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks			(693,865)	898,527
	Decrease in debtors			389,010	1,163,768
	Increase/(decrease) in creditors within one	e year		277,049	(697,109)
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	es		696,962	2,569,462
2	Analysis of net debt	31 March 2002	Cash flow	Other	6 April 2003
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				changes	
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:				
	Cash at bank and in hand	685	985	-	1,670
	Bank overdrafts	(385,117)	(255,944)	-	(641,061)
		(384,432)	(254,959)		(639,391)
	Debt:				
	Finance leases	(640,954)	209,987	-	(430,967)
	Debts falling due within one year	(121,178)	(813,822)	-	(935,000)
	Debts falling due after one year	(635,967)	137,217	~	(498,750)
		(1,398,099)	(466,618)		(1,864,717)
	Net debt	(1,782,531)	(721,577)		(2,504,108)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to mov	vement in net deb	t	2003	2002
				£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period			(254,959)	1,277,470
	Cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/ded	crease in debt and	lease financing	(466,618)	490,074
	Change in net debt resulting from cash fl	lows		(721,577)	1,767,544
	New finance leases			-	(324,711)
	Movement in net debt in the period			(721,577)	1,442,833
	Opening net debt			(1,782,531)	(3,225,364)
	Closing net debt			(2,504,108)	(1,782,531)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of land and buildings.

1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings
Leasehold land & buildings
Plant & machinery
Fixtures and fittings
Motor vehicles

2.5% straight line
12.5% straight line
10% - 33% straight line
25% straight line

The part of the annual depreciation charge on revalued assets which relates to the revaluation surplus is transferred from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account.

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land.

1.5 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value.

1.7 Stock and work in progress

Stock and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.8 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contributions payable by the Company during the period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

1.9 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full, at appropriate rates, in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

1.10 Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

1.11 Group accounts

The Company has undertaken the exemption to produce group accounts on the grounds that the subsidiary is immaterial.

2	Turnover	2003 £	2002 £
	United Kingdom Overseas	5,303,550 3,559,220	6,854,835 5,067,518
		8,862,770	11,922,353
3	Operating profit	2003 £	2002 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	482,741	509,755
	(Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets	(4,196)	10,083
	Directors' emoluments	374,945	435,260
	Auditors' remuneration	12,500	12,500
	Remuneration of auditors for non-audit work	16,385	9,035
	Operating lease rentals - other operating leases	48,978	42,000
	Exchange (gains)	(154,567) ————	(156,127)
4	Interest payable	2003 £	2002 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts	16,022	59,775
	On loans repayable after 5 years	62,882	48,531
	Hire purchase interest	81,283	120,348
		160,187	228,654

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

5	Taxation		
		2003	2002
	Domestic current year tax	£	£
	UK corporation tax on profits of year	39,143	135,392
	Adjustment for prior years	(9,310)	15,855
	Current tax charge	29,833	151,247
	Deferred tax		
	Current year	(6,369)	(12,178)
	Deferred taxation - change in tax rate	(28,985)	(21,272)
	Tax charge for the year	(5,521)	117,797
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
	The tax assessed for the year varies from the standard rate of corporation tax (30%) as follows:		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	86,035	455,784
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the standard		
	applicable rate of UK corporation tax of 19% (2002: 30%)	16,346	136,735
	Effects of:		
	Non deductible expenses	6,804	2,056
	Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	17,831	20,769
	Other tax adjustments	(1,838)	749
	Adjustments to previous periods	(9,310)	15,855
	Small companies tax rate relief	-	(24,917)
	Current tax charge	29,833	151,247

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Long Leasehold land & buildings	Plant & machinery	Fixtures & fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 31 March 2002	1,088,277	1,650,000	2,885,423	937,566	194,082	6,755,348
Additions	_	822,544	94,177	142,409	10,855	1,069,985
Disposals	-	-	(7,500)	-	(65,519)	(73,019)
Adjustment arising						
on revlauation	-	227,456	-	-	-	227,456
At 6 April 2003	1,088,277	2,700,000	2,972,100	1,079,975	139,418	7,979,770
Depreciation						
At 31 March 2002	50,788	164,132	1,508,953	437,363	115,124	2,276,360
On disposals	_	-	(7,500)	-	(31,899)	(39,399)
Charge for the period	i 13,082	43,338	305,659	99,298	21,364	482,741
Adjustment arising						
on revlauation	-	(207,470)	-	-	-	(207,470)
At 6 April 2003	63,870	•	1,807,112	536,661	104,589	2,512,232
Net book value						
At 6 April 2003	1,024,407	2,700,000	1,164,988	543,314	34,829	5,467,538
At 31 March 2002	1,037,489	1,485,868	1,376,470	500,203	78,958	4,478,988

The freehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis with existing use by independent Chartered Surveyors in February 1998 at £1,075,000.

The leasehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis with existing use by independent Chartered Surveyors as at 6 April 2003 at £2,700,000.

The gross amount of depreciable assets included within freehold land and buildings is £523,277, (2002 - £523,277).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

Comparable historical cost for the land and buildings included at valuation:	£
Historical cost at 31 March 2002	2,074,396
Additions to cost in the period	822,544
Historical cost at 6 April 2003	2,896,940
Depreciation based on cost at 31 March 2002	336,269
Charge for the period	48,410
Depreciation based on cost at 6 April 2003	384,679
Net book value at 6 April 2003	2,512,261
Net book value at 31 March 2002	1,738,127
Included in plant & machinery are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contract	ts as follows:
Net book value	£
At 6 April 2003	632,382
At 31 March 2002	800,925
Depreciation charge for the period 6 April 2003	152,277
31 March 2002	123,775

7 Fixed asset investments - unlisted

The Company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of Precision Composite Structures Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. This Company was dormant during the entire period.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

8	Stocks and work in progress	2003 £	2002 £
	Raw materials and consumables Work in progress	765,520 1,258,688	548,714 781,629
		2,024,208	1,330,343
9	Debtors	2003 £	2002 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	2,241,191 14,408 204,738	2,599,240 772 249,335
		2,460,337	2,849,347
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2003 £	2002 £
	Bank overdraft Bank loans - debt due within one year Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	641,061 935,000 140,585 1,178,007 39,143 95,940 58,648 741,758	385,117 121,178 240,233 680,636 135,392 255,411 69,055 792,202
		0,000,142	2,010,22

The bank overdraft is secured by way of a charge over certain trade debtors.

Bank loans includes an £800,000 property loan which, at the Balance Sheet date, was repayable within a year. Since the end of the financial year this loan has been converted to a term loan.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2003 £	2002 £
Bank loans Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements	498,750 290,382	635,967 400,722
-	789,132	1,036,689
The bank loans are repayable as follows:		
Between one and two years	135,000	121,178
Between two and five years	363,750	363,534
In five years or more	-	151,255
- =	498,750	635,967
Of the amounts falling due after more than five years: Not repayable by instalments		151,255
The loans are secured by a fixed charge over leasehold property.		
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts		
Repayable within one year	166,251	240,233
Repayable between one and five years	316,142	484,154
•	482,393	724,387
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods	(51,426)	(83,432)
	430,967	640,955
Included in liabilities falling due within one year	(140,585)	(240,233)
	290,382	400,722

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

				
12	Provisions for liabilities and charges		Deferred taxation £	
	Balance at 1 April 2002 Profit and loss account		120,770 (35,354)	
			85,416	
	Deferred tax is provided at 19% (2002 - 30%) analysed over the following timing differences:			
		2003 £	2002 £	
	Accelerated capital allowances	85,416	120,770	
13	Pension costs			
	The Company contributes to personal pension plans for certain employe charge represents contributions payable by the Company and amounted (2002 - £112,364).	•	on cost	

Share capital	2003	2002
	£	£
Authorised		
79,079 Ordinary shares of £1 each	79,079	100,100
21,021 'A' Non-voting shares of £1 each	21,021	-
	100,100	100,100
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
74,074 Ordinary shares of £1 each	74,074	100,100
21,021 'A' Non-voting shares of £1 each	21,021	-
	95,095	100,100

On 19 April 2002 the company bought back £5,005 £1 ordinary shares for a consideration of £100,100.

On 7 June 2002, by special resolution the existing share capital of 100,100 £1 ordinary shares was redesignated as 79,079 £1 ordinary shares and 21,021 £1 'A' non-voting shares.

The 'A' non-voting shares rank pari passu in all respects with the ordinary shares except that they do not entitle the holders to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company or receive a dividend and the holders are only entitled to the repayment of the the nominal value in a winding up or liquidation of the Company.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

Statement of movement on reserves	Capital redemption reserve £	Revaluation reserve £	Profit and loss account
Balance at 1 April 2002	_	785,230	3,937,350
Retained profit for the period	-	-	91,557
Acquisition of own shares	5,005	-	(100,100)
Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit and loss account	-	(8,010)	8,010
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets	-	434,926	-
Balance at 6 April 2003	5,005	1,212,146	3,936,817

During the year, the Directors approved the repurchase and subsequent cancellation of 5,005 ordinary shares of £1 each at £20 per share. The consideration for the repurchase of the shares was £100,100 and has been charged against distributable reserves.

The freehold and leasehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis by a firm of independent Chartered Surveyors.

If these properties were sold for their revalued amounts it would be necessary to replace them with similar property, and rollover relief against tax on the gain would be available. Accordingly, no timing differences arise and no provision has been made for deferred tax in respect of the revaluation.

16 Reconciliation of movements in Shareholders' funds

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit for the financial period	91,557	337,987
Other recognised gains relating to the period	434,926	-
Acquisition of own shares	(100,100)	-
Net addition to Shareholders' funds	426,383	337,987
Opening Shareholders' funds	4,822,680	4,484,693
Closing Shareholders' funds	5,249,063	4,822,680

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

17	Commitments
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Capital commitments at the end of the period for which no provision has been made are as follows:

	2003 £	2002 £
Contracted	76,000	

At 6 April 2003 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings	
	2003	2002
Frain, John	£	£
Expiry date:	40.070	42.000
Between two and five years	<u>48,978</u>	42,000
Directors' emoluments	2003	2002
	£	£
Remuneration	332,135	393,424
Pension contributions	42,810	41,836
	374,945	435,260
		
Emoluments of the highest paid Director	82,826	<u>79,122</u>
Pension contributions for the highest paid Director	12,424	10,923

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes is 5 (2002 - 5)

19 Employees

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The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) during the period was:

	2003	2002
Direct production staff	87	111
Selling and distribution	2	3
Other support staff	51	55
	140	169
Employment costs	2003	2002
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,047,980	4,029,551
Social security costs	275,285	349,969
Other pension costs	98,191	112,364
Other employment costs	56,173	55,917
	3,477,629	4,547,801

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 6 APRIL 2003

20 Ultimate holding company

The company's immediate and ultimate holding company and controlling party is SBP Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain.