DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 706645** 



### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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**HM** Cameron

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 4 April 2004.

#### 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, in line with current and future expectations.

#### 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 4 April 2004 were as follows:

JRG Wood TJC Webborn SCR Wood DA Owen (resigned 17 November 2003) JJ Bennett (appointed 18 November 2003) HM Cameron

#### **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 (2003 - 5,005 'A' non-voting 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.

#### **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 4 APRIL 2004

#### **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

HM Cameron Secretary

8 October 2004

## 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

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 4 April 2004 and of its profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Baker Tilly

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

8 October 2004

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

	Notes	Period ended 4 April 2004 £	Period ended 6 April 2003 £
Turnover	2	11,698,598	8,862,770
Cost of sales		(7,847,799)	(5,607,123)
Gross profit		3,850,799	3,255,647
Distribution costs		(146,874)	(118,874)
Administrative expenses		(3,153,771)	(3,072,607)
Other operating income		7,299	182,057
Operating profit	3	557,453	246,223
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(214,482)	(160,187)
Profit on activities before taxation		342,971	86,036
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	89,467	(5,521)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	15	253,504	91,557

The profit for the period all derives from continuing activities.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

	Period ended 4 April 2004 £	Period ended 6 April 2003 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	342,971	86,036
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of fixed assets	-	434,926
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	342,971	520,962
NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSS	ES	
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	342,971	86,036
Difference between the historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	15,772	8,010
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	358,743	94,046
Historical cost profit for the period retained after taxation, extraordinary items and dividends	_269,276_	99,567_

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 4 APRIL 2004

	Notes	2004 £	ı £	2003 £	£
			-	~	-
Fixed assets	_				
Tangible assets	6		5,602,982		5,467,538
Investments	7		-		-
		•	5,602,982	-	5,467,538
Current assets					
Stocks	8	1,987,479		2,024,208	
Debtors	9	2,170,046		2,460,337	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,062		1,670	
		4,159,587		4,486,215	
Creditors: amounts falling due					
within one year	10	(2,502,259)		(3,830,142)	
Net current assets			1,657,328		656,073
Total assets less current liabilities		•	7,260,310	-	6,123,611
Creditors: amounts falling due after					
more than one year	11		(1,662,860)		(789,132)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	12		(94,883)		(85,416)
			5,502,567	-	5,249,063
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	14		95,095		95,095
Capital redemption reserve	15		5,005		5,005
Revaluation reserve	15		1,196,374		1,212,146
Profit and loss account	15		4,206,093		3,936,817
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	16		5,502,567	-	5,249,063

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 October 2004.

JRG Wood HM Cameron

**Director** Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

		Period ended 4 April 2004		Period ended 6 April 2003
		£		£
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,102,804		696,962
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest paid	(207,718)		(160,187)	
Net cash outflow for returns on investments				
and servicing of finance		(207,718)		(160,187)
Taxation		(39,145)		(126,082)
Capital expenditure				
Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets	(684,234) 6,800		(1,069,985) 37,816	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure		(677,434)		(1,032,169)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before management	-			
of liquid resources and financing		178,507		(621,476)
Financing				
Buy-back of company shares Increase/(repayment) of long term bank loan	- 847,829		(100,100)	
(Decrease)/increase in short term loan	(774,104)		(137,217) 813,822	
Capital element of hire purchase contracts	76,722		(209,988)	
	-	150,447		366,517
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period	=	328,954		(254,959)

# NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

1	1 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities			2004	2003
	nom operating addition			£	£
	Operating profit			557,453	246,223
	Depreciation of tangible assets			541,066	482,741
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible assets			924	(4,196)
	Decrease/(increase) in stocks			36,729	(693,865)
	Decrease in debtors			290,291	389,010
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors within one y	/ear		(323,659)	277,049
	Net cash inflow from operating activities			1,102,804	696,962
2	Analysis of net debt	6 April 2003	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	4 April 2004
		£	£	£	£
	Net cash:	~	~	~	~
	Cash at bank and in hand	1,670	392	-	2,062
	Bank overdrafts	(641,061)	328,562	•	(312,499)
		(639,391)	328,954		(310,437)
	Debt:				
	Finance leases	(430,967)	(76,722)	-	(507,689)
	Debts falling due within one year	(935,000)	774,104	-	(160,896)
	Debts falling due after one year	(498,750)	(847,829)	-	(1,346,579)
		(1,864,717)	(150,447)		(2,015,164)
	Net debt	(2,504,108)	178,507	-	(2,325,601)
3	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movem	nent in net debt		2004	2003
				£	£
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period			328,954	(254,959)
	Cash (inflow)/outflow from (increase)/decrea	ise in debt and le	ease financing	(150,447)	(466,618)
	Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	3		178,507	(721,577)
	New finance leases			-	-
	Movement in net debt in the period			178,507	(721,577)
	Opening net debt			(2,504,108)	(1,782,531)
	Closing net debt			(2,325,601)	(2,504,108)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

#### 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

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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 4 APRIL 2004

#### 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	2004 £	2003 £
	United Kingdom Overseas	5,122,275 6,576,323	5,303,550 3,559,220
		11,698,598	8,862,770
3	Operating profit	2004 £	2003 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	541,066	482,741
	Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	924	(4,196)
	Directors' emoluments	408,228	374,945
	Auditors' remuneration	13,000	12,500
	Remuneration of auditors for non-audit work	13,699	16,385
	Operating lease rentals - other operating leases	48,665	48,978
	Exchange (gains)	(153,904)	(154,657)
4	Interest payable	2004	2003
		£	£
	On bank loans and overdrafts	63,989	16,022
	On loans repayable after 5 years	67,083	62,882
	Hire purchase interest	83,410	81,283
		214,482	160,187

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

5	Taxation		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Domestic current year tax	~	~
	UK corporation tax on profits of year	80,000	39,143
	Adjustment for prior years	•	(9,310)
	Current tax charge	80,000	29,833
	Deferred tax		
	Current year	4,437	(6,369)
	Deferred taxation - change in tax rate	5,030	(28,985)
	Tax charge for the year	89,467	(5,521)
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year		
	The tax assessed for the year varies from the standard rate of corporation tax (19%) as follows:		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	342,972	86,036
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the standard		
	applicable rate of UK corporation tax of 19% (2003: 19%)	65,164	16,346
	Effects of:		
	Non deductible expenses	1,661	6,804
	Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	9,086	17,831
	Other tax adjustments	(5,700)	(1,838)
	Adjustments to previous periods	-	(9,310)
	Marginal tax rate charge	9,789	-
	Current tax charge	80,000	29,833

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

### 6 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land & buildings	Long Leasehold land & buildings	Plant & machinery	Fixtures & fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
At 6 April 2003	1,088,277	2,700,000	2,972,100	1,079,975	139,418	7,979,770
Additions	-	41,267	404,439	197,199	41,329	684,234
Disposals	-	-	(20,148)	-	(45,389)	(65,537)
At 4 April 2004	1,088,277	2,741,267	3,356,391	1,277,174	135,358	8,598,467
Depreciation						
At 6 April 2003	63,870	_	1,807,112	536,661	104,589	2,512,232
On disposals	_	-	(20,148)	-	(37,665)	(57,813)
Charge for the period	26,748	47,550	320,040	125,475	21,253	541,066
At 4 April 2004	90,618	47,550	2,107,004	662,136	88,177	2,995,485
Net book value						
At 4 April 2004	997,659	2,693,717	1,249,387	615,038	47,181	5,602,982
At 6 April 2003	1,024,407	2,700,000	1,164,988	543,314	34,829	5,467,538

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, (2003 - £523,277).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

Comparable historical cost for the land and buildings included at valuation:	£
Historical cost at 6 April 2003	2,896,940
Additions to cost in the period	41,267
Historical cost at 4 April 2004	2,938,207
Depreciation based on cost at 6 April 2003	384,679
Charge for the period	62,918
Depreciation based on cost at 4 April 2004	447,597
Net book value at 4 April 2004	2,490,610
Net book value at 6 April 2003	2,512,261
Included in plant & machinery are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contract	ts as follows:
Net book value At 4 April 2004	£ 637,370
At 6 April 2003	632,382
Depreciation charge for the period 4 April 2004	114,379
6 April 2003	152,277

#### 7 Fixed asset investments - unlisted

During the year the wholly-owned subsidiary, Precision Composite Structures Limited, which had been dormant for a number of years, was removed from the register of companies since it no longer had any value to the Company.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

8 Stocks and work in progress	2004 £	2003 £
Raw materials and consumables Work in progress	643,355 1,344,124	765,520 1,258,688
	1,987,479	2,024,208
9 Debtors	2004 £	2003 £
Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	1,998,811 10,334 160,901	2,241,191 14,408 204,738
	2,170,046	2,460,337
10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2004 £	2003 £
Bank overdraft Bank loan - 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	312,499 160,896 191,408 1,006,961 79,998 117,111 67,134 566,252	641,061 935,000 140,585 1,178,007 39,143 95,940 58,648 741,758

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

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year 2004 £	2003 £
Bank loan 1,346,579	498,750
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase agreements 316,281	290,382
1,662,860	789,132
The bank loan is repayable as follows:	
Between one and two years 160,896	135,000
Between two and five years 482,688	363,750
In five years or more 702,995	-
1,346,579	498,750
The bank loan is secured by a fixed charge over the company's leasehold property.	
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	
Repayable within one year 191,408	166,251
Repayable between one and five years 343,115	316,142
534,523	482,393
Finance charges and interest allocated to future accounting periods (26,834)	(51,426)
507,689	430,967
·	(140,585)
316,281	290,382

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

12	Provisions for liabilities and charges			
			Deferred	
			taxation	
			£	
	Balance at 6 April 2003		85,416	
	Profit and loss account		9,467	
			94,883	
Deferred tax is provided at 19% (2003 - 19%) analysed over the following timing differen				
		2004	2003	
		£	£	
	Accelerated capital allowances	94,883	85,416	
13	Pension costs			
	The Company contributes to personal pension plans for cert charge represents contributions payable by the Company at (2003 - £98,191).		on cost	
14	Share capital	2004	2003	
17	Griate Capital	2004 £	2003 £	
	Authorised		-	
	79,079 Ordinary shares of £1 each	79,079	79,079	
	21,021 'A' Non-voting shares of £1 each	21,021	21,021	
		100,100	100,100	
		100,100	100,100	
	Allotted, called up and fully paid			
	74,074 Ordinary shares of £1 each	74,074	74,074	
	21,021 'A' Non-voting shares of £1 each	21,021	21,021	

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 4 APRIL 2004

Statement of movement on reserves			
	Capital redemption reserve £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 6 April 2003	5,005	1,212,146	3,936,817
Retained profit for the period  Transfer from revaluation reserve to profit	-		253,504
and loss account	-	(15,772)	15,772
Balance at 4 April 2004	5,005	1,196,374	4,206,093

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

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the financial period	253,504	91,557
Other recognised gains relating to the period	-	434,926
Acquisition of own shares	-	(100,100)
Net addition to Shareholders' funds	253,504	426,383
Opening Shareholders' funds	5,249,063	4,822,680
Closing Shareholders' funds	5,502,567	5,249,063

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

17	Commitments		-		
	Capital commitments at the end of the period for which no provision has been made are as follows:				
		2004 £	2003 £		
		L	2.		
	Contracted	123,775	76,000		
	At 4 April 2004 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases				
	as follows:	2004	2003		
		£	£		
	Expiry date:				
	Between two and five years	48,491	48,978		
18	Directors' emoluments	2004	2003		
		£	£		
	Remuneration	357,778	332,135		
	Pension contributions	50,450	42,810		
		408,228	374,945		
	Emoluments of the highest paid Director	81,467	82,826		
	Pension contributions for the highest paid Director	12,797	12,424		
	1 choich continuations for the highest paid bilector		12,727		
	The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing schemes is 5 (2003 - 5)	under money purc	hase pension		
19	Employees				
	The average monthly number of employees (including Directors) du				
		2004	2003		
	Direct production staff	112	87		
	Selling and distribution	2	2		
	Other support staff	56	51		
		170	140		
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	Employment costs	2004 £	2003 £		
	Wages and salaries	3,936,467	3,047,980		
	Social security costs	345,551	275,285		
	Other pension costs	119,570	98,191		
	Other employment costs	71,293	56,173		
		4,472,881	3,477,629		
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 4 APRIL 2004

### 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.