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FOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES (U.K.) LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 31 DECEMBER 2002

Company Registration Number 1032622



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

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Mr P Van Campenhout

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2002.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was the sale of drink dispensing equipment, together with associated products.

On 1 March 2002, the company ceased to operate its product packaging facility. This facility has now been sold to Fountain Industries Europe S.A., the ultimate parent company, and all products are now acquired from them.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

THE DIRECTOR AND HIS INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The director who served the company during the year was as follows:

Mr G E Smith

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the interests of group directors are disclosed in the financial statements of the parent company.

Mr G E Smith retired as a director on 31 January 2003.

Mr E Malrain was appointed as a director on 1 February 2003.

Mr P Van Campenhout was appointed as a director on 1 February 2003.

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 8 to 9, 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; and

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 to enable him to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

Since the year end, the assets and trade of Symfoni (U.K)Limited, another group company, have been transferred to the company.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Ensors as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed by order of the directors

MS R FULCHER
Company Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 9.

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 THE DIRECTORS AND THE 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 on page 2.

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 director's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER (CONTINUED)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

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 2002 and of the loss of the company for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

ENSORS

46 St Nicholas Street IPSWICH IP1 1TT ENSORS Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
TURNOVER	2	574,314	683,719
Cost of sales		437,836	447,375
GROSS PROFIT		136,478	236,344
Distribution Costs Administrative expenses		65,867 109,341	83,619 117,269
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(38,730)	35,456
Interest receivable Interest payable	6	498 (338)	1,174 (2,028)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(38,570)	34,602
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		_	_
(LOSS)/RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(38,570)	34,602
Balance brought forward		348,376	313,774
Balance carried forward		309,806	348,376

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2002

		2002	2001
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	11,923	42,058
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	8	77,991	107,332
Debtors	9	114,275	140,036
Cash at bank		149,166	89,727
		341,432	337,095
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	43,497	30,725
NET CURRENT ASSETS		297,935	306,370
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		309,858	348,428
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	14	52	52
Profit and Loss Account		309,806	348,376
SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	15	309,858	348,428

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the Allie and are signed on their behalf by:

MR E MAURAIN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Delivery vehicles
Plant & Machinery

25% on cost

Plant & Machinery

- 20% on cost

Fixtures & Fittings

- 20% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Finance lease agreements

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

2. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

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An analysis of turnover is given below:

2002	2001
£	£
474,688	549,885
99,626	133,834
574,314	683,719
	99,626

3. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

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Depreciation	3,276	21,846
Auditors' remuneration - as auditors	5,895	4,550
Operating lease costs: Land and buildings	25,539	25,539
Plant and equipment Vehicles	10,280 350	7,058 -
Net loss on foreign currency translation	2,656	8,150

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES (continued)

The aggregate payroll	costs of the	above were:
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33 3 . 3	2002	2001
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,685	83,851
Social security costs	7,971	8,876
	80,656	92,727

5. DIRECTOR'S EMOLUMENTS

The director's aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

Emoluments receivable	2002 £ 35,382	2001 £ 36,778
INTEREST PAYABLE		
Finance charges	2002 £ 338	2001 £ 2,028

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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	Delivery Vehicles £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2002	48,714	145,339	47,844	241,897
Additions	_	_	6,409	6,409
Disposals		(137,626)		(137,626)
At 31 December 2002	48,714	7,713	54,253	110,680
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2002	48,714	105,938	45,187	199,839
Charge for the year	–	1,543	1,733	3,276
On disposals	_	(104,358)	_	(104,358)
At 31 December 2002	48,714	3,123	46,920	98,757
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2002		4,590	7,333	11,923
At 31 December 2001	_	39,401	2,657	42,058

Finance lease agreements

Included within the net book value of £11,923 is £Nil (2001 - £Nil) relating to assets held under finance lease agreements. The depreciation charged to the accounts in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £Nil (2001 - £7,103).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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8. STOCKS

		2002	2001
	Raw Materials	£	£
	Finished goods	1,443 76,548	31,736 75,596
		77,991	107,332
9.	DEBTORS		
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Trade debtors	94,924	107,163
	Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	9,012	20,251
	Other deptors	10,339	12,622
		114,275	140,036
10.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Trade creditors	1,851	2,626
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	33,491	17,605
	Other taxation and social security	2,740	3,063
	Finance lease agreements Other creditors	- 5,415	1,935 5,496
		43,497	30,725
			
11.	COMMITMENTS UNDER FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS		
	Future commitments under finance lease agreements are as follows:	ows:	
		2002	2001
	Approvate a graph or within 4 years	£	£
	Amounts payable within 1 year		1,935
		_	1,935

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Finance lease agreements are analysed as follows: Current obligations

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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12. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2002 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Assets Oth Land & Bu	
	2002	2001
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 2 to 5 years	11,599	10,465
		

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The immediate controlling company is Fountain Netherlands Holdings BV, a company incorporated in Holland.

The company is more than 90% controlled by the group and therefore advantage has been taken of the exemption not to disclose group related party transactions in the financial statements.

All related party transactions between the company and other group members have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements of Fountain Industries Europe SA.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital:

	2002	2001
	£	£
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	***************************************	
	2002	2001
	£	£
Ordinary share capital	52	52

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	2002	2001
	£	£
(Loss)/Profit for the financial year	(38,570)	34,602
Opening shareholder's equity funds	348,428	313,826
Closing shareholder's equity funds	309,858	348,428

16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Since the year end, the assets and trade of Symfoni (U.K) Limited, another group company, have been transferred to the company.

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17. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Fountain Industries Europe SA, a company incorporated in Belgium.