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**BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003**



## BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

### PARENT UNDERTAKING

Bibby Line Limited

### ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

Bibby Line Group Limited

### DIRECTORS

Jonathan Osborne  
Howard Dennis Woodcock

### SECRETARY

Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited

### REGISTERED OFFICE

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Liverpool  
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[www.bibbyline.co.uk](http://www.bibbyline.co.uk)

Incorporated in England and Wales  
Registered No. 1036027

### AUDITORS

KPMG LLP  
8 Princes Parade  
Liverpool  
L3 1QH

### FLEET

'Cheshire'

Gas Carrier

TONNES  
DEADWEIGHT

29,171

BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given, that the Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on 20 May 2004 at 105 Duke Street, Liverpool for the following purposes:

To consider the attached directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

To re-elect directors.

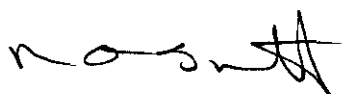
Special notice having been received of the intention to propose the resolution as an ordinary resolution, to re-appoint KPMG LLP as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

*(KPMG LLP had previously been appointed by the Board to fill the casual vacancy arising by reason of the resignation of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP on 28 November 2003).*

To transact any other ordinary business.

A member of the Company entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member.

By order of the Board



Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited  
Secretary

31 March 2004

## BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

#### ACTIVITIES

*The principal activity is the ownership and operation of ships.*

#### TRADING RESULT

The result for the year is set out in the profit and loss account. The Company has traded profitably during the year. The directors consider the financial position of the Company at 31 December 2003 to be satisfactory given the continued financial support of the parent undertaking.

The directors do not anticipate any major changes in the Company's trading position in the foreseeable future.

The directors do not recommend a dividend in respect of the year.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The names of the persons who were directors of the Company during the year were:

Mark Alfred Preece	- Appointed 24 February 2003
Jonathan Osborne	
Howard Dennis Woodcock	- Appointed 1 July 2003
Michael James Bibby	- Resigned 24 February 2003
John Stewart Whewell Hogarth	- Resigned 1 July 2003

Since the year end, on 31 January 2004, M. A. Preece resigned as a director of the Company.

The only interests of the directors in shares of the Bibby Line Group companies were in shares of Bibby Line Group Limited.

The interests of M. J. Bibby in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited are disclosed in the directors' report of that company.

The interests of the other directors in the shares of Bibby Line Group Limited were as follows:-

	31 December 2003 Beneficial	1 January 2003 Beneficial
J. S. W. Hogarth		
£1,000 ordinary shares	1	1

## BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

#### AUDITORS

On 2 July 2003 PricewaterhouseCoopers resigned as auditors following the transfer of substantially all of their business to a limited liability partnership and the Directors filled the casual vacancy so arising by appointing PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. On 28 November 2003 PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP resigned and the Directors filled the casual vacancy so arising by appointing KPMG LLP.

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

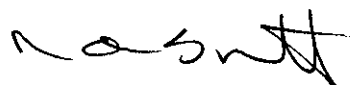
#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to 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



Bibby Bros. & Co. (Management) Limited  
Secretary

31 March 2004



KPMG LLP

8 Princes Parade  
Liverpool  
L3 1QH  
United Kingdom

### **Independent auditors report to the members of Bibby Bulk Carriers Limited**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 15.

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 are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 4, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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.

### **Basis of audit 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 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG LLP  
*Chartered Accountants*  
*Registered Auditor*

*KPMG LLP*

31 March 2004

BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 US\$	2002 as restated US\$
Turnover	3	5,349,455	5,009,785
Cost of sales		(3,647,236)	(4,177,219)
Gross profit		1,702,219	832,566
Administration expenses		(293,548)	(180,575)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4	1,408,671	651,991
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(366,289)	351,241
Retained profit for the financial year	11	<u>1,042,382</u>	<u>1,003,232</u>

The turnover and profit on ordinary activities all derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

**Statement of total recognised gains and losses:**

	2003 US\$	2002 as restated US\$
Profit for the financial year	<u>1,042,382</u>	<u>1,003,232</u>
Total recognised gains relating to the year	1,042,382	1,003,232
Prior year adjustment (2002)	-	(1,724,000)
Prior year adjustment (as explained in note 2)	<u>361,023</u>	<u>-</u>
Total gains/(losses) recognised since the last annual report	<u>1,403,405</u>	<u>(720,768)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
31 DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 US\$	2002 as restated US\$
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible assets	6	<u>13,557,650</u>	<u>14,848,855</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Debtors	7	253,219	34,643
<b>Creditors</b> (amounts falling due within one year)	8	<u>(16,181,474)</u>	<u>(17,997,842)</u>
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(15,928,255)</u>	<u>(17,963,199)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>(2,370,605)</u>	<u>(3,114,344)</u>
 Provision for liabilities and charges	9	<u>3,801,140</u>	<u>4,099,783</u>
 <b>Capital and reserves:</b>			
Called up share capital	10	6,210	6,210
Profit and loss account	11	<u>(6,177,955)</u>	<u>(7,220,337)</u>
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	12	<u>(6,171,745)</u>	<u>(7,214,127)</u>
		<u>(2,370,605)</u>	<u>(3,114,344)</u>

Approved by the Board on 31 March 2004



J. Osborne  
Director

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

## BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Accounting basis**

The financial statements are stated in US Dollars. They have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the method used to translate the issued share capital and the carrying value of the vessel to US Dollars, and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards. The financial statements have been restated to comply with the change in the Company's accounting policy relating to drydock costs (below).

The US Dollar value of the issued share capital is arrived at by converting from Sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the date the accounts were first presented in \$US.

##### **Going concern**

The financial statements are presented on a going concern basis as the shareholders have informed the Board that it is their present intention to continue to support the operations of the Company for the foreseeable future and that Bibby Line Limited will not seek repayment of US\$16,181,474 (2002 - US\$17,997,842) due to that company before 31 March 2005.

##### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are included at cost less depreciation. The US dollar value of the vessel is arrived at by converting from sterling at the exchange rate ruling at the date the accounts were first presented in US\$. Subsequent additions are stated at cost.

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis to write off the cost of the vessel over its useful economic life, which is estimated to be 25 years.

##### **Repairs allowance**

All revenue costs associated with the periodic drydocking of vessels are written off in the year in which the drydock takes place.

##### **Fleet insurance**

The vessel is fully insured outside of the Group.

##### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. The deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

## BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

##### **Cash flows**

A statement of Group cash flows has been included in the consolidated accounts presented by the parent undertaking. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (Revised 1997).

##### **Related party transactions**

Under Financial Reporting Standard 8, the Company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions, as more than 90% of the voting rights are controlled by the ultimate parent undertaking, Bibby Line Group Limited.

Transactions between Bibby Line Group Limited and its related parties and a statement of substantial shareholdings in Bibby Line Group Limited are included in that company's consolidated financial statements.

#### 2. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

The Company has changed its accounting policy in respect of drydocking costs and this has resulted in a restatement of the results in respect of the year to 31 December 2002. Details of the restatement are as follows:

The policy under which previous periods were reported, was to make an annual allowance for a pro rata proportion of the estimated costs for the next drydock. The costs of the drydock when incurred were written off against the allowance with any balance being taken to the profit and loss account.

- (a) The profit and loss account reflects a decrease in the tax credit of US\$48,343 from a credit of US\$399,584 to US\$351,241 credit.
- (b) The profit and loss account reflects a decrease in cost of sales of US\$161,143 from US\$4,338,362 to US\$4,177,219.
- (c) The balance sheet value of fixed assets has increased by US\$515,747 through the write back of the repairs allowance, as set out in note 6.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

### 2. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT (continued)

- (d) The balance sheet value of provisions for liabilities and charges has increased by US\$154,724 through additional provisions for deferred tax.
- (e) The Company's profit and loss reserves have been restated to reflect the above adjustments of US\$361,023 and, as a result, the deficit on the profit and loss account has decreased from US\$7,581,360 as previously reported to US\$7,220,337, as set out in note 11.

In summary, the overall prior year adjustment is as follows:

Adjustment to opening reserves at 1 January 2002	248,223
Movement during 2002	<u>112,800</u>
Prior year adjustment	361,023

A prior year adjustment was made in 2002 in respect of deferred tax.

### 3. TURNOVER

Turnover is the freight and charter hire earned and is recognised at the time the relevant service is provided to customers.

### 4. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
Foreign exchange differences	58,564	8,343
Depreciation	<u>1,291,205</u>	<u>1,291,204</u>

There were no emoluments paid to the Directors for the year (2002 – Nil).  
Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
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5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
<b>The taxation (charge)/credit comprises:</b>		
Amount (payable)/receivable in respect of group relief	(664,932)	<u>34,643</u>
<b>Current tax (charge)/credit</b>	<b>(664,932)</b>	<b>34,643</b>
Prior year deferred tax credit	-	47,528
Deferred tax credit for year (note 9)	<u>298,643</u>	<u>269,070</u>
	<b>(366,289)</b>	<b>351,241</b>

**Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:**

The current tax charge is higher than the anticipated charge. The anticipated current tax charge is based on the average rate of tax across the Company.

The differences are explained as follows:

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>1,408,671</u>	<u>651,991</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the rate of tax of 30% (2002 - 30%)	422,601	195,597
Effects of:		
Group relief received and not paid for	(73,881)	(432,481)
Non taxable exchange loss	17,569	2,457
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	<u>298,643</u>	<u>269,070</u>
<b>Current tax charge for the year</b>	<b>664,932</b>	<b>34,643</b>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

6. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Fleet US\$
<b>Cost:</b>	
At 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003	35,893,524
<b>Accumulated Depreciation:</b>	
At 1 January 2003	21,044,669
Charge for the year	<u>1,291,205</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>22,335,874</u>
<b>Repairs Allowance:</b>	
At 1 January 2003, as previously reported	515,747
Prior year adjustment	<u>(515,747)</u>
At 1 January 2003, as restated	-
Net book amount at 31 December 2003	13,557,650
Net book amount at 1 January 2003, as restated	<u>14,848,855</u>

7. DEBTORS

(Amounts falling due within one year)

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
Trade debtors	253,219	-
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>-</u>	<u>34,643</u>
	<u>253,219</u>	<u>34,643</u>

8. CREDITORS

(Amounts falling due within one year)

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
Amount owed to group undertaking	<u>16,181,474</u>	<u>17,997,842</u>

Amounts due to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.  
(note 1)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

9. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Deferred Taxation US\$
At 1 January 2003, as previously reported	3,945,059
Prior year adjustment (note 2)	<u>154,724</u>
At 1 January 2003, as restated	4,099,783
Deferred taxation transferred to profit and loss account (note 5)	<u>(298,643)</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>3,801,140</u>

Deferred tax allowances relate to accelerated capital allowances.

10. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
<b>Authorised, allotted and fully paid:</b>		
450 ordinary equity shares of £1 each	698	698
3,550 10% non-cumulative first preference shares of £1 each	<u>5,512</u>	<u>5,512</u>
	<u>6,210</u>	<u>6,210</u>

The rights attaching to the first preference shares are as follows:

- (a) The first preference shares have the right to be paid out of the profits of the Company available for dividend and resolved to be distributed in respect of any financial year a fixed non-cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 10% per annum in priority to any payment to the holders of any other class of shares
- (b) The right to participate pari passu with the ordinary shareholders in the assets of the Company to be divided on liquidation in the proportion which the amount paid up on the first preference shares bears to forty times the amount paid up on the ordinary shares in issue at the commencement of such liquidation
- (c) No right to receive notice of or attend or vote at any general meeting of the Company except in the case of a meeting which is to consider the winding up or reducing the capital of the Company.

# BIBBY BULK CARRIERS LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

### 11. RESERVES

	Profit & Loss Account US\$
At 1 January 2003, as previously reported	(7,581,360)
Prior year adjustment	<u>361,023</u>
At 1 January 2003, as restated	(7,220,337)
Profit for the financial year	<u>1,042,382</u>
At 31 December 2003	<u>(6,177,955)</u>

### 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN DEFICIT EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2003 US\$	2002 US\$
Profit for the financial year, as restated (note 2)	<u>1,042,382</u>	<u>1,003,232</u>
Opening shareholders' funds, as previously reported	(7,214,127)	(8,465,582)
Prior year adjustment (note 2)	-	248,223
Opening shareholders' funds, as restated	<u>(7,214,127)</u>	<u>(8,217,359)</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(6,171,745)</u>	<u>(7,214,127)</u>

US\$5,512 (2002 – US\$5,512) of the shareholders' funds relate to non-equity interests.

### 13. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Company, along with fellow group undertakings, has guaranteed certain facilities of the Bibby Group which are in the name of Bibby Line Limited to that company's bankers. At 31 December 2003 the amount covered by such guarantees was US\$72,215,930 (2002 - US\$79,507,513).

A mortgage has been registered on the vessel as security for a bank loan to Bibby Line Limited.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003 (CONTINUED)

14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at the end of the current or preceding financial year for which no provision has been made.

15. PARENT UNDERTAKING

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Bibby Line Limited, which itself is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Bibby Line Group Limited both of which are registered in England. Bibby Line Group Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest group which consolidates these accounts and of which the Company is a member. Bibby Line Limited is the parent undertaking of the smallest group which consolidates these accounts and of which the Company is a member.

Copies of the Group financial statements may be obtained from Bibby Line Group Limited, 105 Duke Street, Liverpool L1 5JQ ([www.bibbygroup.co.uk](http://www.bibbygroup.co.uk)).