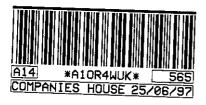
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 1996



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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Directors:	M S Gorvy
on certain.	A J-L Chiang
	A J Leibowitz
	T Moross

Secretary: Hanover Management Services Limited

Registered Office: 16 Hans Road London

SW3 1RS

Auditors: Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1996.

1. STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are required by company law to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of the profit or loss for that period. They are also responsible for maintaining proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the accounts on a going concern basis the directors have ensured, that appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied consistently, that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that reasonable and prudent judgements have been made.

2. ACTIVITIES

The company's principal and foreseeable activity is that of an investment holding company.

3. RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results for the year are set out on page 5 of the financial statements.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1995 - £Nil). The retained loss of £5,033 (1995 - £Nil) for the year has been deducted from reserves.

4. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Details of the company's fixed asset investments are set out in notes 2 and 3 to the financial statements.

5. DIRECTORS

The present directors are shown on page 1.

Messrs T Moross and A J-L Chiang were appointed as directors on 26 March 1997. Mr R L Wunsh retired as a director on the same day.

None of the directors who held office during the year held any interest in the shares of the company, nor in the shares of the company's ultimate parent company and its subsidiaries.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

6. AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf

J M Jones

For and on behalf of

Hanover Management Services Limited

Secretary

14 May 1997

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 10 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 2 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 statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We have 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 at 31 December 1996 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Delotte & Touba

Hill House
1 Little New Street
London
EC4A 3TR

\ \ \ \ June 1997

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 1996

	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Administrative expenses		(5,033)	-
Operating loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(5,033)	
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		-	•
Loss for the financial year	6	(5,033)	-

All activities derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the current financial year. Accordingly, no statement of recognised gains and losses is given.

There are no movements in shareholders' funds other than the loss for the current financial year. Accordingly, no reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds is given.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 1996

7	Ňote	£	1996 £	£	1995 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments in subsidiary undertakings Investments in associated undertakings	2 3	19,200,000 800,000	-	-	
			20,000,000		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: Amounts falling due after one year	4	159,423		159,423	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	5	(5,033)			
NET CURRENT ASSETS			154,390		159,423
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			20,154,390		159,423
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Other reserves Profit and loss account	6 7 7		20,000,200 159,223 (5,033)		200 159,223
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS	s' FUNDS		20,154,390		159,423

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 14 May 1997 and signed on its behalf by T Moross and A. Leibowitz.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 1996

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards, unless otherwise stated.

INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

Group financial statements are not prepared as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a company incorporated in Great Britain.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 1996

1. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

No director received any emoluments during the year (1995 - £Nil). There were no other employees (1995 - Nil).

2. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The following are the principal companies in which the company has an interest. All are incorporated in Great Britain, registered in England and Wales and are 100% owned, unless otherwise stated.

	ul activity
Portstock Ltd Investm Pride Foods Limited Holding SGMS Ltd Investm	y management

Group financial statements have not been prepared as the company is a subsidiary of another company incorporated in Great Britain. In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the shares in and amounts owing from the company's unconsolidated subsidiary undertakings is not less than the total amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

Shares at cost:	£
At 1 January 1996 Additions	19,200,000
At 31 December 1996	19,200,000
At 31 December 1995	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 1996

3. INVESTMENTS IN ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS

The following company has been treated as an associated undertaking:

Company	Activity	Country of incorporation/ registration	Proportion of equity capital held	
The Shoe Studio Group Limited	Shoe retailing	England	21%	
Shares at cost:			£	
At 1 January 1996 Additions			800,000	
At 31 December 1996			800,000	
At 31 December 1995			-	
4. DEBTORS		1996 £	1995 £	
Amounts falling due after one year	r:			
Amounts due from group undertal Parent undertaking	kings	159,423	159,423	
5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR				
		1996 £	1995 £	
			æ	
Other creditors		5,033	-	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 1996

6. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:	1996 £	1995 £
20,000,100 ordinary shares of £1 each 100 deferred shares of £1 each	20,000,100 100	100 100
	20,000,200	200

On the 31 December 1996 the company issued 20,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each in exchange for the entire issued and paid up share capital of Portstock Limited, Pride Foods Limited and SGMS Limited; 90% of the issued and paid up share capital of Portmans (Property Consultants) Limited and Fineman Lever & Co. Limited; and 21% of the issued and paid up equity share capital of The Shoe Studio Group Limited.

7. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Other reserves £	Profit and loss account	Total £
Balance at 1 January 1996 Loss for the year	159,223	(5,033)	159,223 (5,033)
Balance at 31 December 1996	159,223	(5,033)	154,190

8. PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent company is Quadriga Holdings SA, which is incorporated in Luxembourg.

The company is a subsidiary of Hanover Acceptances Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from related party disclosure in accordance with Paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard No. 8.

A copy of the group financial statements of Hanover Acceptances Limited is available from The Company Secretary, 16 Hans Road, London SW3 1RS.