Report of the Directors and

**Financial Statements** 

for the year ended 31 December 2003

for

AVL United Kingdom Ltd

1067795



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# Company Information for the year ended 31 December 2003

**DIRECTORS:** 

H O List

A J Martyr A Ciriello

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S M Sweeney

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

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**AUDITORS:** 

Cooper Taylor

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors The Dowery

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**SOLICITORS:** 

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# Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2003

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

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company in the year under review were those of providing support for the market in the UK for special test instrumentation made by AVL Graz (Austria) and providing expertise to AVL customers with regard to powertrain engineering consultancy.

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

During the year the company have restructured the management team and moved the test systems and instrumentation division from Northwich to Hartlebury.

The costs associated with this fundamental reorganisation are separately disclosed on the face of the profit and loss account.

The holding company subscribed for a further £4.2 million ordinary share capital during the year to cover the losses made in the year.

#### DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 December 2003.

### DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

H O List

R M Gurden - resigned 18.12.03 A J Martyr - appointed 18.12.03 A Ciriello - appointed 18.12.03

The directors holding office at 31 December 2003 did not hold any beneficial interest in the issued share capital of the company at 1 January 2003 (or date of appointment if later) or 31 December 2003.

### 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;
- 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.

# Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2003

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Cooper Taylor, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

## ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S M Sweeney - Secretary

Date: 14-6-04

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Shareholders of AVL United Kingdom Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of AVL United Kingdom Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2003 on pages five to nineteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

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 auditors' 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

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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 Report of the Directors 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 the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### 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.

#### 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 loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Cooper Taylor

Cooper Taylor
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
The Dowery
Barker Street
Nantwich Cheshire
CW5 5TE

Date: 16 June 2004

# Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2003

		200	13	200	2
	Notes	£	£	£	£
TURNOVER	2		10,059,975		13,444,429
Cost of sales			9,941,762		7,429,540
GROSS PROFIT			118,213		6,014,889
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		33,133 2,662,029		49,272 6,781,617	
Administrative expenses		2,002,027	2,695,162	0,761,017	6,830,889
			(2,576,949)		(816,000)
Other operating income			4,451		
OPERATING LOSS	4		(2,572,498)		(816,000)
Cost of fundamental					
reorganisation	5		1,051,005		
			(3,623,503)		(816,000)
Interest receivable and similar income			7,540		5,323
			(3,615,963)		(810,677)
Interest payable and similar charges	6		11,363		15,406
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION			(3,627,326)		(826,083)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	7		-		(236,999)
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION			(3,627,326)		(589,084)
DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR			(3,627,326)		(589,084)

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the year ended 31 December 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	(3,627,326)	(589,084)
	<del></del>	<del></del>
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		
RELATING TO THE YEAR	(3,627,326)	(589,084)
	<del></del>	
Prior year adjustment		(1,334,494)
TOTAL GAINS AND LOSSES RECOGNISED		
SINCE LAST ANNUAL REPORT		(1,923,578)

## Balance Sheet 31 December 2003

		200	3	2003	2
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		643,968		995,200
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	9	525,145		902,475	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one	e year 10	4,248,369		6,757,056	
Debtors: amounts falling due after more	than				
one year	10	690,000		690,000	
Cash at bank and in hand		846,614		92,934	
		6,310,128		8,442,465	
CREDITORS		, .		, ,	
Amounts falling due within one year	11	5,360,312		9,146,935	
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILI	TIES)		949,816		(704,470)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,593,784		290,730
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more that	n one				
year	12		(32,494)		(58,438)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
AND CHARGES	15		(756,324)		-
			804,966		232,292
					======
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		6,680,000		2,480,000
Share premium	17		11,248		11,248
Profit and loss account	17		(5,886,282)		(2,258,956)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21		804,966		232,292
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# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

A J Martyr - Director

Approved by the Board on 14-6-04

# Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2003

		2003		2002	2
Not each inflow//autflow)	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	1		79,479		(2,502,056)
Returns on investments and					
servicing of finance	2		(3,823)		(10,083)
Taxation			-		(2,837)
Capital expenditure	2		(193,420)		(518,632)
			(117,764)		(3,033,608)
Financing	2		871,444		2,680,819
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the	period		753,680		(352,789)
Reconciliation of net cash flow					
to movement in net debt	3				
Increase/(Decrease)					
in cash in the period Cash outflow		753,680		(352,789)	
from decrease in debt and lease finar	ncing	55,940		69,534	
Change in net debt resulting		<del></del>		<del></del>	
from cash flows			809,620		(283,255)
New finance leases			(44,993)		(130,322)
Movement in net debt in the perio	d		764,627		(413,577)
Net (debt)/funds at 1 January			(8,945)		404,632
Net funds/(debt) at 31 December			755,682		(8,945)

# Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2003

# 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2003	2002
	£	£
Operating loss	(2,572,498)	(816,000)
Depreciation charges	532,017	390,376
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	57,628	(367)
Costs of fundamental reorganisation	(1,051,005)	-
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	377,330	(89,759)
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	2,984,960	(1,924,879)
Decrease in creditors	(248,953)	(61,427)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	79,479	(2,502,056)

### 2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2003	2002
	£	£
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	7,540	5,323
Interest element of finance lease payments	(11,363)	(15,406)
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	(3,823)	(10,083) =====
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(201,021)	(520,800)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	7,601	2,168
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(193,420)	(518,632)
Financing		
Capital element of finance lease payment	(55,940)	(69,534)
Share issue	4,200,000	1,300,000
Increase /(decrease) in group borrowings	(3,272,616)	1,450,353
Net cash inflow from financing	871,444	2,680,819

# Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

		Other	
		non-cash	At
At 1.1.03	Cash flow	changes	31.12.03
£	£	£	£
92,934	753,680		846,614
92 934	753 680		846,614
(101,879)	55,940	(44,993)	(90,932)
(101.879)	55 940	(44 993)	(90,932)
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(0,943)	====	<del></del>	755,082
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### 4. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of assets with a capital value at inception of the lease of £44,993.

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2003

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The AVL group have demonstrated they will continue to support the company by subscribing for a further £4.2 million of share capital on 23 December 2003. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis.

#### Accounting convention

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

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods and services, excluding value added tax. Amounts invoiced on short term contracts which are not sufficiently complete at the year end to recognise turnover and profit thereon are shown as payments on account within creditors: amounts falling due within one year. Amounts yet to be invoiced on short term contracts which are sufficiently complete at the year end to recognise turnover and profit thereon are shown in prepayments and accrued income within debtors. Annual maintenance contracts are treated as short term contracts.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Leasehold property improvements - 10% on cost
Plant and machinery - 25% on cost
Office & computer equipment - 25% on cost and
10% on cost

#### Stocks

Stock and work in progress are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. This allowance is based on the age of the stock. Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads. Stocks of spare parts relating to products no longer supported are not valued.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets are recognised where, in the opinion of the directors, it is more likely than not that sufficient taxable profits will be made available in the future to facilitate their release.

Discounting of provisions for deferred tax or deferred tax assets is not applied.

#### 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 transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Pensions**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

### Warranty provision

A warranty provision is included to cover the labour element of warranty work outstanding at the balance sheet date. Parts to be used during warranty work are rechargeable to the holding company and are not included in the provision.

### Long term contracts

The amount of profit attributable to the stage of completion of a long term contract is recognised when the outcome of the contract can be forseen with reasonable certainty. Turnover for such contracts is stated at cost appropriate to their stage of completion plus attributable profits, less amounts recognised in previous years. Provision is made for losses as soon as they are foreseen.

Contract work in progress is stated at costs incurred, less those transferred to the profit and loss account, after deducting foreseeable losses and payments on account not matched with turnover.

### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and loss before taxation are attributable to the principal activities of the company.

Included in turnover are exports to non AVL group companies totalling £41,873 (2002 - £3,224). In addition the company made sales to overseas group companies of £4,922,321 (2002 - £5,274,830).

### 3. STAFF COSTS

	2003	2002
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,141,912	3,610,225
Social security costs	474,182	378,865
Other pension costs	87,491	80,553
	4,703,585	4,069,643
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	2003	2002
Sales, service and administration	103	====

In addition to the costs detailed above exceptional redundancy and similar costs amounting to £534,345 are included in the cost of the fundamental reorganisation.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

#### 4. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2003	2002
	£	£
Other operating leases	424,295	291,680
Depreciation - owned assets	282,828	333,287
Depreciation - assets on finance leases	57,189	57,089
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	57,628	(367)
Auditors remuneration	18,000	15,000
Foreign exchange differences	481,912	345,006
Motor vehicle leasing	181,103	191,972
Hire of plant and machinery	14,243	21,326
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Directors' emoluments	95,407	92,555
Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	6,331	7,768
The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as	follows:	
Money purchase schemes	1	1

In addition to the above a compromise payment to a former director of £60,000 is included in the cost of the fundamental reorganisation.

In addition to the depreciation shown above a diminution in value charge of £192,000 is included in the cost of the fundamental reorganisation.

### 5. EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS

The cost of a fundamental reorganisation in 2003 amounting to £1,051,005 are shown on the face of the profit and loss account. This includes a provision of £517,695 in respect of costs outstanding at the year end.

In addition included within administrative expenses are exceptional foreign exchange rate losses of £481,912 (2002: £345,006).

As explained in note 7 the exceptional items have no effect on the tax charge for the year.

### 6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2003 £	2002 £
Interest payable on finance leases	11,363	15,406
	11,363	15,406

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 7. TAXATION

### Analysis of the tax credit

The tax credit on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

	2003	2002
Current tax:	£	£
(Under) / over provision in earlier years	-	1
Deferred taxation	-	(237,000)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities		(236,999)
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### Factors affecting the tax credit

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2003 £	2002 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(3,627,326)	(826,083)
Loss on ordinary activities	<del> </del>	
multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
in the UK of 30% (2002 - 30%)	(1,088,198)	(247,825)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	10,850	10,825
Depreciation for the period in excess of capital allowances	143,156	10,000
Tax losses - Creation of deferred tax asset	, -	227,000
Tax losses - Deferred tax asset not recognised	934,192	· -
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	-	1
Current tax credit		1
Current tax create		

### Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has tax losses in the region of £5,000,000 available to offset future trading profits. The company expects that sufficient suitable taxable profits will be available in the foreseeable future to utilise approximately £2,300,000 of losses.

The deferred tax asset of £690,000 included in Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year relates to these timing differences and tax losses.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

## 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2003

At 31 December 2002

	Leasehold		Office &	
	property improvements	Plant and machinery	computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 January 2003	189,631	294,394	1,799,956	2,283,981
Additions	31,825	29,449	184,740	246,014
Disposals	-	<del>-</del>	(481,436)	(481,436)
At 31 December 2003	221,456	323,843	1,503,260	2,048,559
DEPRECIATION			<b>,</b>	
At 1 January 2003	13,888	198,474	1,076,419	1,288,781
Charge for year	21,424	36,764	281,829	340,017
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	(416,207)	(416,207)
Impairments	182,000		10,000	192,000
At 31 December 2003	217,312	235,238	952,041	1,404,591
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2003	4,144	88,605	551,219	643,968
At 31 December 2002	175,743	95,920	723,537	995,200
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Fixed assets, included in the above, which are	neid under imance	leases are as ro	onows:	Office &
				computer
				equipment
				£
COST				
At 1 January 2003				130,322
Additions				44,993
At 31 December 2003				175,315
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2003				15,998
Charge for year				57,189
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At 31 December 2003				73,187

102,128

114,324

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 9. STOCKS

9.	STOCKS		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Stocks	315,105	855,314
	Work-in-progress	210,040	47,161
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		525,145	902,475
		<del></del>	=====
	The replacement value of stock is in the region of £1,250,000.		
10.	DEBTORS		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	2,727,212	5,254,290
	Other debtors	175,857	310,643
	Amounts due from group companies	542,435	66,162
	Amounts due from holding company	1,000	1,000
	Prepayments and accrued income	801,865	1,124,961
	Trepayments and accrate moonie		
		4,248,369	6,757,056
	Amounts falling due after more than one year: Deferred tax asset	690,000	690,000
	Aggregate amounts	4,938,369	7,447,056
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	OLDSII OLOTTA I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I	2003	2002
		£	£
	Finance leases (see note 13)	58,438	43,441
	Trade creditors	344,984	409,090
	Social security and other taxes	156,222	117,755
	VAT	287,998	655,396
	Other creditors	36,507	16,042
	Amounts due to group companies	3,662,204	6,458,547
	Payments on account	575,512	1,051,509
	Warranty provision	71,712	113,650
	Accruals	238,447	281,505
	1 EUI MILIS	230,447	
		5,360,312	9,146,935
		======	

The company does not have any overdraft facilities with its bankers. The company maintains sufficient working capital as a result of the amounts owed to group companies. The company expects that this support will be maintained.

# 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

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Finance leases (see note 13)	32,494	58,438
	£	£
	2003	2002

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

# 13. OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS

	Finance	
	lea	
	2003	2002
Constantiant 11	£	£
Gross obligations repayable:		
Within one year	72,291	53,645
Between one and five years	40,238	72,129
,		
	112,529	125,774
	112,329	143,774
		<del></del>
Finance charges remarkle.		
Finance charges repayable:		
Within one year	13,853	10,204
Between one and five years	7,744	13,691
	21,597	23,895
	<u> </u>	25,695
		<del></del>
Net aliterations in 11		
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	58,438	43,441
Between one and five years	32,494	58,438
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	90,932	101,879
		101,079
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The following payments are committed to be paid within one year:

## Operating leases

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Expiring:				
Within one year	51,635	20,833	81,236	9,875
Between one and five years	185,000	44,060	102,834	139,955
In more than five years	84,117	265,676	, <u>-</u>	-
	320,752	330,569	184,070	149,830
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## 14. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Finance leases	90,932	101,879
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The amounts due on finance leases are secured on the financed assets.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 15. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	2003	2002
	£	£
Other provisions		
Warranty provision	113,650	-
Reorganisation provision	517,695	-
Provision for pending losses	124,979	_
	756,324	-
	<del></del>	·
		Other
		provisions
		£
Charge for the year		756,324
Balance at 31 December 2003		756,324
Dalando at J. Document 2003		======

A provision of £517,695 has been recognised for outstanding costs relating to the fundamental reorganisation in the year. These relate mainly to outstanding staff redundancy payments and lease termination costs. It is expected that all this expenditure will be incurred in the next financial year.

The warranty and loss provision are made in accordance with the company's accounting policies disclosed in note 1. the majority of the warranty provision and all the loss provision is expected to be utilised in the next financial year.

## 16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised:				
Number:	Class:	Nominal	2003	2002
		value:	£	£
7,000,000	Ordinary	£1	7,000,000	3,300,000
(2002 - 3,300	•	<b></b>	,,000,000	5,500,000
Allotted, issue	ed and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal	2003	2002
		value:	£	£
6,680,000	Ordinary	£1	6,680,000	2,480,000
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The following shares were allotted and fully paid for cash at par during the year:

4,200,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each

### 17. RESERVES

	Profit and loss	Share	
	account	premium	Totals
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2003	(2,258,956)	11,248	(2,247,708)
Deficit for the year	(3,627,326)		(3,627,326)
At 31 December 2003	(5,886,282)	11,248	(5,875,034)

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### 18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The share capital is owned by AVL UK Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is AVL Holding GmbH, a company registered in Austria.

### 19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has entered into a guarantee dated 27 July 1984 to HM Customs & Excise to the value of £20,000 with recourse.

#### 20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

No related party disclosures are given in respect of transactions with group companies as the company is included in the consolidated accounts of AVL Holding GmbH. There are no related parties other than group companies.

### 21. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2003	2002
	£	£
Loss for the financial year	(3,627,326)	(589,084)
Issue of share capital	4,200,000	1,300,000
Net addition to shareholders' funds	572,674	710,916
Opening shareholders' funds	232,292	(478,624)
Closing shareholders' funds	804,966 ———	232,292
Equity interests	804,966 =====	232,292