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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors submit their annual report together with the accounts for the 53 weeks ended 3 January 1998.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Company did not trade during the period, and there is no present intention to pursue any activity.

DIRECTORS

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The directors of the Company who served during the year are as follows



A G Clark

A D Frew

The interests of the directors in the share capital of the Company's ultimate holding company United Biscuits (Holdings) plc and options outstanding at the beginning and end of the Company's financial period were as follows:

			Ordinary Shares		Options	
	<u>1997</u> No.	<u>1996</u> No.	<u>1997</u> No.	Granted	Lapsed	<u>1996</u> No.
A.G. Clark A.D. Frew	45,873 3,662	44,095 3,559	142,428 213,398	22,851 13,044	6,695 -	126,272 200,354

The Options are exercisable at prices varying from 159p to 400p up to 15 April 2007

Between 3 January 1998 and 31 March 1998, the beneficial shareholdings of A.G. Clark and A.D. Frew increased by 648 and 21 shares respectively.

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year.

The directors are of the opinion that, in preparing these accounts, the Company has used appropriate and consistently applied accounting policies, supported by reasonable and prudent estimates and judgements. All applicable accounting standards have been followed.

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The directors also have responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps to ensure the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

DIVIDEND

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

AUDITORS

Auditors have not been appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

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A D FREW Secretary

31 March 1998

BALANCE SHEET AT 3 JANUARY 1998

		3 January	28 December
		1998	1996
	Notes	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	2	991	991
Cash at bank and in hand	2	991	331
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		991	991
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	3	(58)	(58)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		933	933
		933	933
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up equity share capital	4	787,957	787,957
Share premium account		6,643	6,643
Profit and loss account		(793,667)	(793,667)
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	:	933	933

The company was dormant (within the meaning of Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985) throughout the financial period.

DIRECTOR

31 March 1998

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AT 3 JANUARY 1998

1. Activity and basis of accounting

The company did not trade during the period. The accounts have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting.

2. <u>Debtors</u>

	3 January	28 December	
	1998	1996	
	£	£	
Amounts owed by group undertakings	991	991	

3. <u>Creditors</u>: amounts falling due within one year

	3 January	28 December	
	1998	1996	
	£	£	
Amounts owed to group undertakings	58	58	

4. Equity Share Capital

				Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	Au	Authorised				
	3 January	28 December	3 January	28 December		
	1998	1996	1998	1996		
	No.	No.	£	£		
"A" ordinary shai	res					
of £10 each	78,560	78,560	785,600	785,600		
"B" ordinary shai	res					
of 1p each	235,700	<u>235,700</u>	<u>2,357</u>	<u>2,357</u>		
	<u>314,260</u>	<u>314,260</u>	<u>787,959</u>	<u>787,959</u>		

5. <u>Ultimate holding company</u>

The ultimate holding company is United Biscuits (Holdings) plc which is registered in Scotland and incorporated in Great Britain. Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from Church Road, West Drayton, Middlesex UB7 7PR.