

WICKES PROPERTY & FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26 October 2003

The Company's registered number is 1927500



WICKES PROPERTY & FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company, together with the financial statements for the period ended 26 October 2003.

Principal Activity

The Company has remained dormant throughout the period. The directors do not envisage initiating any change in the Company's role or activities in the foreseeable future.

Results and Dividends

The results for the period are set out in the attached financial statements. The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend (2002 - nil).

Directors and their Interests

The directors who served during the period and subsequent to the period end were:

SH Bhote (resigned 15 June 2003)
M Penny (appointed 15 June 2003)
RS Bird

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of the company were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial year.

Auditors

The company was dormant within the meaning of section 249AA of the Companies Act 1985, throughout the period to 26 October 2003 and accordingly its accounts have not been audited.

Registered Office
Gawsworth House,
Westmere Drive,
Crewe, Cheshire,
CW16XB

By order of the Board



B Rimmer
Secretary
2004

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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, 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 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.

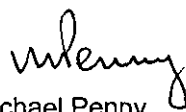
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BALANCE SHEET AT 26 October 2003

	Note	<u>2003</u> £	<u>2002</u> £
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Amounts due to other Group undertakings		(91,073)	(91,073)
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(91,073)</u>	<u>(91,073)</u>
EQUITY CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	100,000	100,000
Other paid in capital		300,000	300,000
Profit and loss account		(491,073)	(491,073)
		<u>(91,073)</u>	<u>(91,073)</u>

- (A) For the period ended 26 October 2003 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (B) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (C) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
 - Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period, and of its profit or loss for the financial period, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 6th August 2003 and signed on its behalf by


Michael Penny
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

26 October 2003

1 Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996), the Company has not presented a cash flow statement because it is a subsidiary undertaking of Focus Wickes Group limited, which is registered in England and Wales, and which has prepared consolidated financial statements which include the financial statements of the Company for the period and which contain a cash flow statement.

2 Profit and Loss Account

The Company has not traded during the periods ended 26 October 2003 and 27 October 2002 and accordingly no profit and loss account has been prepared. The Company has no employees (2002 - nil) and no directors have received remuneration for services to the Company during the period (2002 - nil).

3 Called Up Share Capital

	Authorised		Allotted, called up and fully paid			
	2003 £	2002 £	2003 No.	2003 £	2002 No.	2002 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

4 Ultimate Parent Company

The Company's ultimate holding company is Focus Wickes Group limited. Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ.

Transactions with other companies within the Group are not disclosed, as the Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No.8 "Related party disclosures", as the consolidated accounts of Focus Wickes Group limited, in which the Company is included, are available at the address noted above.