Payless Developments Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

1 November 1998 Registered number 1937616

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the seven months ended 1 November 1998.

Principal activity

The company did not trade during the period.

Directors and their interests

The directors holding office during the period were as follows:

WE Archer (appointed 19 August 1998) GC Wilson (appointed 19 August 1998) RM Scribbins (resigned 18 August 1998) JA Cohen (resigned 18 August 1998) KT Radford (resigned 18 August 1998) AV Unitt (resigned 18 August 1998) DCG Foster (resigned 18 August 1998)

Neither director who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of the directors in the shares of Focus Do It All Group Limited (formerly Focus Retail Group Limited), the ultimate holding company, are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

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

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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Directors' report (continued)

Auditors

In accordance with Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985, a special resolution has been passed in order to exempt the company from the obligation to appoint auditors.

By order of the board

GC Wilson

Director

Gawsworth House Westmere Drive Crewe Cheshire CW1 6ZD

24 MAY 1999

Balance sheet at 1 November 1998

	Note	1 November 1998 £000	27 March 1998 £000
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2	(69)	(69)
Net liabilities	J	(69)	(69)
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Capital and reserves Called up share capital	3	_	_
Profit and loss account		(69)	(69)
Equity shareholders' funds		(69)	(69)

The company is dormant and has not traded during the financial period, has received no income and incurred no expenditure, and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on were signed on its behalf by:

24 MAY

1999 and

GC Wilson Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policy

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

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Focus Do It All Group Limited (formerly Focus Retail Group Limited), the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group. The consolidated financial statements of Focus Do It All Group Limited (formerly Focus Retail Group Limited), within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 4.

2 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	1 November	27 March
	1998	1998
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	69	69
		
3 Called up share capital	1 November 1998 £	27 March 1998 £
Authorised		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	====	
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

4 Ultimate holding company

The company's ultimate holding company is Focus Do It All Group Limited (formerly Focus Retail Group Limited). Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from:

Companies House Crown Way Cardiff CF4 3UZ