BPB SENIOR EXECUTIVE PENSION TRUSTEES LTD REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2002

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BPB SENIOR EXECUTIVE PENSION TRUSTEES LTD DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2002

Activities

The activities of the Company have been related solely to the exercise of the office of corporate trustee of the BPB Senior Executive Pension Scheme and the BPB Life Assurance Top-Up Scheme.

No fees were received nor expenses paid in respect of these trusteeship activities.

Directors

The directors of the Company during the year were:

Mr R M D Malone (Chairman)

Mr B C Hines (resigned 23 July 2001)

Mr J S Goodall

Mr R M Heard

Mr F Mougin

Mr W Wiles (appointed 23 January 2002)

Mr A M Woolley

On 3 May 2002, Mr F Mougin resigned as a director and on 20 May 2002 Miss J S Kingston was appointed a Director.

Directors' Share Interests

The interests of those directors who were directors of the Company at the year-end in shares of BPB plc (the Company's holding company) were as shown below; the figures in round brackets indicate shares for which options were held under that company's share option schemes and the figures in square brackets indicate matched shares awarded under BPB's share matching plan.

RPR plc	Ordinary	Shares	of 50n	each
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	As At 31.3.02	Option Movements	As at 1.4.01 ⁺
J S Goodall	51,018	-	47,099
	(332,800)		(338,465)
F Mougin	4,276		2,603
<u>-</u>	(152,952)		(62,852)
	[7,178]		[4,369]
W Wiles	-		-
A M Woolley	303		3,450
•	(81,668)		(73,268)

or date of appointment if later.

Mr R M D Malone, who was a director of the Company at the year end, did not have any interests in the ordinary shares of BPB plc. Mr R M Heard, who was a director of the Company at the year-end, is also a director of BPB plc and is therefore not required to disclose his interests to the Company.

^{*} Aggregate options over ordinary shares granted during the year ended 31.3.02.

^{**} Aggregate options over ordinary shares cancelled during the year ended 31.3.02.

All the directors, excluding Mr R M D Malone, as potential beneficiaries of the BPB Employee Trust (in whose name matched awards granted under the BPB share matching plan are held), are also deemed to have an interest in all 328,620 BPB ordinary shares that were held by the Trust as at 31 March 2002. Similarly, all the directors, excluding Mr R M D Malone, are potential beneficiaries of the BPB QUEST (used to acquire BPB shares for transfer to employees exercising options under BPB's two UK SAYE share option schemes) and are deemed to have an interest in all 67,826 BPB ordinary shares held by the QUEST at 31 March 2002.

Elective Regime

The Company has passed elective resolutions dispensing with the laying of accounts and reports before the Company in general meeting, the obligation to appoint auditors annually and the holding of annual general meetings.

Registered Office: Park House 15 Bath Road Slough SL1 3UF On behalf of the Board

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES for the preparation of accounts

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT to the members of BPB Senior Executive Pension Trustees Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2002 which comprise the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 3. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and 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 Directors' Report 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 group is not disclosed. We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of 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 of as at 31 March 2002 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP
Registered Auditor

Reading

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2002

	2002 £	<u>2001</u> £		
ASSETS EMPLOYED				
Amount owing by parent company	<u>2</u>	2		
FINANCED BY				
Share capital issued, called up and fully paid:				
Authorised 100 ordinary shares of £1 each				

Notes:

1. The Company did not trade during the year ended 31st March 2002.

2 ordinary shares of £1 each

2. The directors received no emoluments from the Company as they are regarded as BPB group employees (and paid either by BPB plc or by other group companies) and/or any fees are borne by the BPB Senior Executive Pension Scheme.

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3. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BPB plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England under No. 147271. The accounts of BPB plc are available from the Secretary, Park House, 15 Bath Road, Slough SL1 3UF.

On behalf of the Board

Issued

R M D Malone, Director

26 July 2002