

Company Number: 2240908

W H Allen General Books Limited

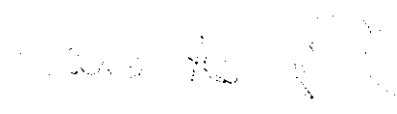
Balance Sheet at 31 July 2003

	2003	2002
	£	£
Current Assets		
Amounts owing by holding company	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Capital and Reserves		
Share Capital		
Authorised: 1000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each		
Called up issued and paid	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Notes:

- 1 For the year ended 31 July 2003 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act).
- 2 Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Act.
- 3 The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - (i) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act; and
 - (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year, in accordance with section 226 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.
- 4 At 31 July 2003, the Company's immediate parent was Virgin Books Limited, a company incorporated in England. The accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ. The ultimate parent company was Virgin Investment Group Limited ("VGIL"), whose principal shareholders are certain trusts, none of which has a controlling interest in VGIL. The principal beneficiaries of those trusts are Sir Richard Branson and his immediate family. VGIL is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands.

These accounts were approved by the Board on 12 February 2004 and signed on its behalf by


K E Forster
Director

