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ALBION COLLECTIONS LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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DIRECTORS AND COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

D J McPherson S Mayer

SECRETARY

F Sobo

REGISTERED OFFICE

Dawsons Corner 50 Cote Lane Leeds LS28 5ED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY, RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The Company has not traded during the year and has therefore received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, the Company made neither a profit nor a loss. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

HBOS plc owns all the ordinary share capital of Halifax Group plc which owns all the ordinary share capital of Halifax plc, the parent undertaking.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

D J McPherson

S Mayer

appointed 1 May 2001

R K Moorhouse

resigned 1 May 2001

During the year no director had any interest in the share capital of the Company or of any group undertaking other than the ultimate holding company and no rights to subscribe for such interests were granted.

The interests of the directors in the shares of the ultimate holding company, including interests in shares held beneficially under the long term and short term bonus schemes, were as follows:

At 31 December 2001

At 1 January 2001 (or time of appointment)

D J McPherson

9,502

4,962

S Mayer

Share interests in the long term bonus scheme included above represent the maximum number which could be released under the terms of that scheme.

Under the terms of the Halifax Group plc Sharesave Scheme 2000, options to acquire shares in the ultimate holding company were granted to the following directors

Exercised in Year

Granted in Year

D J McPherson S Mayer

344

AUDITORS

Having satisfied the provisions of Section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 relating to dormant companies the Company has not appointed auditors.

By order of the Board

Femi Sobo SECRETARY

Trinity Road Halifax HX1 2RG

2 September 2002

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors: amounts owed by parent undertaking		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
CAPITAL & RESERVES Called up share capital	2	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

The Company was dormant throughout the year and the Directors make the following statements:

- the Company is eligible to take advantage of the relevant audit exemption (S249A(1));
- no notice from the Member has been deposited with the Company requiring an audit relative to the year concerned (S249B(2)); and
- the Directors acknowledge their obligation to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the Company's position and are in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 2 September 2002 and were signed on its behalf by

S Mayer DIRECTOR

The notes on page 6 form part of these Financial Statements.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

During the financial year the Company received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently there is neither a profit nor a loss to report.

NOTES TO THE FINACIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and have been drawn up under the historical cost convention.

2 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000 £	2001 £
Authorised		
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

3 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The largest Group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by HBOS plc which acquired 100% of the ordinary share capital of Halifax Group plc on 10 September 2001. Halifax Group plc owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of Halifax plc, the smallest Group in which the Company is consolidated. Halifax plc is the Company's immediate parent.

Copies of the accounts of HBOS plc and Halifax plc are available from The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 1YZ.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking is HBOS plc.