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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2003

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Dr J S Woodhead

Dr I Weeks

H L Nordhoff

L Merrill

R W Bowen

H Rosenman

SECRETARY

R W Bowen

REGISTERED OFFICE

5 Chiltern Close Cardiff Industrial Park Cardiff CF14 5DL

BANKERS

Barclays Bank Plc

SOLICITORS

Edwards Geldard

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants Cardiff

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company with subsidiaries engaged in the development of immunodiagnostic technology particularly in the field of chemiluminescence.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The group's results for the year and future prospects are considered to be satisfactory. On 7 August 2003 Gen-Probe UK Limited a UK company and subsidiary company of Gen-Probe Incorporated, a US company, bought 1,015 shares of Molecular Light Technology Limited.

DIVIDENDS

The results for the year are set out in detail on page 5. The directors have not proposed a final dividend for the current financial year (2002 - £61,450).

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The group continues an active programme of research and development, the costs of which in the year amounted to £27,301 (2002 - £24,667). These costs are written off in the year in which they are incurred.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the Board is as shown on page 1. R W Bowen and H Rosenman were appointed as directors on 7 August 2003; L Merrill was appointed as a director on 24 November 2003. K Pittard-Davies and P W F Laing resigned as directors on 7 August 2003. The directors' interests in the shares of the company at 31 December 2003 and 1 January 2003 were:

| | 31 December 2003 No. | 1 January 2003 No. |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dr J S Woodhead Dr I Weeks H L Nordhoff | 109 'A' Ordinary 109 'A' Ordinary | 215 'A' Ordinary 215 'A' Ordinary |
| L Merrill H Rosenman R W Bowen | - - | - |

AUDITORS

On 1 August 2003, Deloitte & Touche, the company's auditors, transferred their business to Deloitte & Touche LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The company's consent has been given to treating the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as extending to Deloitte & Touche LLP with effect from 1 August 2003 under the provisions of section 26(5) of the Companies Act 1989. A resolution to reappoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Dr I Weeks Director

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom 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 the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group 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; 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for the system of internal control, for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Deloitte

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MOLECULAR LIGHT TECHNOLOGY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Molecular Light Technology Limited for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the statement of movements on reserves, the balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 24. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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 United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and 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 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 company and other members of the group is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of audit 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 circumstances of the company and the group, 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 affairs of the company and the group as at 31 December 2003 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Delatte Torch Les

Cardiff

Date 7 Soptember 1004.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2003

| | Note | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|---|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TURNOVER: continuing operations | 2 | 4,299,251 | 3,849,138 |
| Cost of sales | | (1,465,827) | (1,416,966) |
| Gross profit | | 2,833,424 | 2,432,172 |
| Distribution costs Administrative expenses | | (48,372) (1,551,749) | (28,949) (1,648,755) |
| OPERATING PROFIT: continuing operations | 4 | 1,233,303 | 754,468 |
| Income from other investments Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges | 5 | 84,418 63,390 (3,318) | 64,775 58,028 (2,574) |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 6 | 1,377,793 (139,149) | 874,697 (248,420) |
| PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR Dividends | 7 | 1,238,644 | 626,277 (61,450) |
| RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | | 1,238,644 | 564,827 |

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current or prior year other than as stated above.

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES Year ended 31 December 2003

| | Share premium £ | Profit and loss account |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| The Group | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2003 | 58,168 | 4,974,791 |
| Profit for the year | | 1,238,644 |
| Balance at 31 December 2003 | 58,168 | 6,213,435 |
| The Company | | |
| Balance at 1 January 2003 | 58,168 | 6,869,702 |
| Profit for the year | | 2,199,847 |
| Balance at 31 December 2003 | 58,168 | 9,069,549 |
| | | |

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2003

| | Note | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Tangible assets | 10 | 1,528,541 | 1,506,679 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | |
| Stocks | 11 | 64,043 | 22,460 |
| Debtors | 12 | 1,208,354 | 976,813 |
| Investments | 13 | 3,066,145 | 2,734,439 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,505,530 | 495,345 |
| | | 5,844,072 | 4,229,057 |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (887,994) | (508,989) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 4,956,078 | 3,720,068 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 6,484,619 | 5,226,747 |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year | 15 | (25,936) | (5,156) |
| PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES | 17 | (185,851) | (187,403) |
| NET ASSETS | | 6,272,832 | 5,034,188 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called up share capital | 18 | 1,229 | 1,229 |
| Share premium | | 58,168 | 58,168 |
| Profit and loss account | | 6,213,435 | 4,974,791 |
| TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | 6,272,832 | 5,034,188 |

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7.9.29

Dr J S Woodhead

Director

PARENT COMPANY BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2003

| | Note | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|------|---------------|-------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | |
| Investments | 9 | 4,001,120 | 4,001,120 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | . | |
| Debtors | 12 | 6,838,672 | 5,092,594 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 88,288 | |
| Investments | 13 | 3,066,145 | 2,734,439 |
| | | 9,993,105 | 7,837,482 |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (4,865,279) | (4,909,503) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 5,127,826 | 2,927,979 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 9,128,946 | 6,929,099 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called up share capital | 18 | 1,229 | 1,229 |
| Share premium account | | 58,168 | • |
| Profit and loss account | | 9,069,549 | |
| TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | | 9,128,946 | 6,929,099 |

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7. 9. 2004 Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Dr J S Woodhead

J. Wooden

Director

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 December 2003

| | Note | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 22 | 1,419,662 | 926,616 |
| Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest and other investment income received Interest paid | | 147,808 | 122,803 (5) |
| Interest paid on finance leases | | (3,318) | (2,569) |
| Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance | | 144,490 | 120,229 |
| Taxation UK corporation tax paid | | (222,247) | (615,247) |
| Capital expenditure and financial investment Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets | | (145,801) 16,938 | (142,883) |
| Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment | | (128,863) | (142,883) |
| Equity dividends paid | | (61,450) | (62,700) |
| Cash inflow before use of liquid resources and financing | | 1,151,592 | 226,015 |
| Net cash outflow from management of liquid resources | | (120,088) | (11,820) |
| Financing Capital element of finance lease rental payments | | (21,319) | (19,915) |
| Net cash outflow from financing | | (21,319) | (19,915) |
| Increase in cash in the year | 23, 24 | 1,010,185 | 194,280 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Year ended 31 December 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents development programme income and licensing fees receivable and the sales value in respect of goods supplied during the year, after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax. Turnover includes rental income.

Licensing fees

Licensing fees receivable and payable are recognised in the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate. Licensing fees received or paid in respect of future periods are deferred until those periods.

Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the company and all its subsidiaries.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for impairment. Those held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

| Computers | Over 4 years |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Equipment | Over 10 years |
| Motor vehicles | Over 4 years |
| Freehold buildings and improvements | Over 50 years |

Pension costs

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme for directors and staff. Pension costs represent amounts payable on behalf of directors and staff to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Patents and licences

Expenditure on patents and licences is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leases

Assets obtained under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on acquisition and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease rentals in proportion to the capital element outstanding.

Foreign exchange

All transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transactions. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

Grants

Capital grants received are treated as deferred income, with transfers being made to the profit and loss account based on the expected useful lives of the related fixed assets. Revenue grants are credited to the profit and loss account in the same period as the related costs are charged to the profit and loss account.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax.

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Geographical analysis of turnover: | | |
| United Kingdom | 136,583 | 160,921 |
| Europe | 38,387 | 57,562 |
| United States of America | 4,101,114 | 3,612,456 |
| Rest of the world | 23,167 | 18,199 |
| | 4,299,251 | 3,849,138 |

3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

| | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Directors' emoluments | | |
| Other emoluments | 129,128 | 106,980 |
| Company contributions to money purchase and similar | | |
| pension schemes in respect of directors' services | 38,253 | 40,356 |
| Two of the directors are members of a defined contribution pension scheme (2002 - | 2). | |
| | No. | No. |
| The average number of persons (including directors) employed | | |
| by the group during the year was | 31 | 22 |
| | £ | £ |
| Staff costs incurred during the year in respect of these employees were | | |
| Wages and salaries | 701,360 | 544,392 |
| Social security costs | 68,401 | 49,825 |
| Other pension costs | 112,070 | 88,643 |
| | 881,831 | 682,860 |
| OPERATING PROFIT | | |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ |
| Operating profit is after charging | | |
| Research and development | 27,301 | 24,667 |
| Exchange rate loss | 51,958 | 1,632 |
| Depreciation | | |
| Owned assets | 146,884 | 124,679 |
| Leased assets | 14,151 | 16,752 |
| Auditors' remuneration | | |
| Audit | 14,500 | 11,500 |
| Other services | 18,500 | 9,750 |
| And after crediting | | |
| Profit on disposal of fixed asset | 3,475 | - |

5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

| | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|----|---|--|--|
| | Finance lease and hire purchase contracts | 3,318 | 2,574 |
| | | | |
| 6. | TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES | | |
| | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | Current taxation | | |
| | United Kingdom corporation tax: | 271.040 | 265 270 |
| | Current tax on income for the year at 30% (2002 – 30%) | 271,049 | 265,379 |
| | Adjustment in respect of prior years | (130,348) | |
| | | 140,701 | 265,379 |
| | Deferred taxation | (1,552) | (16,959) |
| | Total current tax | 139,149 | 248,420 |
| | rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows: | £ | £ |
| | Profit on ordinary activities before tax | 1,377,793 | |
| | | ======================================= | 874,697 ——— |
| | Tax on profit on ordinary activities before tax at 30% | (413,337) | 874,697 (262,409) |
| | • | (413,337) | |
| | Tax on profit on ordinary activities before tax at 30% Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation | (413,337) (2,012) | |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | (2,012) (8,081) | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation | (2,012) (8,081) (216) | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses Other deferred tax movements | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) 64,085 | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) (53,634) |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses Other deferred tax movements Franked investment income | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) 64,085 25,325 | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses Other deferred tax movements Franked investment income R&D relief | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) 64,085 25,325 80,177 | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) (53,634) 19,433 |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses Other deferred tax movements Franked investment income R&D relief Rate differences on current tax | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) 64,085 25,325 80,177 1,624 | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) (53,634) 19,433 |
| | Factors affecting charge for the year Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Movement in short-term timing differences Utilisation of tax losses Other deferred tax movements Franked investment income R&D relief | (2,012) (8,081) (216) (49,581) 64,085 25,325 80,177 | (262,409) (11,399) (6,640) (217) (2,277) (53,634) 19,433 |

7. DIVIDENDS

10.

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Ordinary shares | | |
| Proposed dividend £nil per each class of ordinary share (2002 - £50 per share) | - | 61,450 |
| | | |

8. PROFIT OF PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these accounts. The parent company's profit for the financial year before tax amounted to £2,228,072 (2002 - £1,277,038).

9. INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

| | The Group | | The Company | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Shares in group subsidiaries (note 19) | - | - | 4,001,120 | 4,001,120 | |
| TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| | | Computers | | | |
| | Freehold | and | Motor | | |

| | | Computers | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| | Freehold | and | Motor | |
| | buildings | equipment | vehicles | Total |
| The Group | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Cost | | | | |
| At 1 January 2003 | 1,279,219 | 747,978 | 63,661 | 2,090,858 |
| Additions in the year | - | 144,656 | 53,265 | 197,921 |
| Disposals in the year | | (12,489) | (45,361) | (57,850) |
| At 31 December 2003 | 1,279,219 | 880,145 | 71,565 | 2,230,929 |
| Accumulated depreciation | | | | |
| At 1 January 2003 | 97,785 | 458,590 | 27,804 | 584,179 |
| Charge for the year | 25,584 | 116,365 | 19,086 | 161,035 |
| Release on disposal | - | (10,928) | (31,898) | (42,826) |
| At 31 December 2003 | 123,369 | 564,027 | 14,992 | 702,388 |
| Net book value | | | | |
| At 31 December 2003 | 1,155,850 | 316,118 | 56,573 | 1,528,541 |
| At 31 December 2002 | 1,181,434 | 289,388 | 35,857 | 1,506,679 |
| | ===== = | ************************************** | | |

The net book value of fixed assets includes £70,748 (2002 - £38,980) in respect of assets held under hire purchase agreements.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2003

11. STOCKS

| ~~• | | an. | a | One of | ~ |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| | | The | Group | The Company | |
| | | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Goods for re-sale | 64,043 | 22,460 | _ | - |
| 12. | DEBTORS | | | | |
| | | The | Group | The (| Company |
| | | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| | Trade debtors | 913,660 | 845,596 | _ | _ |
| | Amounts owed by subsidiaries | - | - | 6,837,094 | 5,092,594 |
| | Other debtors | 72,291 | 87,281 | · · · | - |
| | Prepayments and accrued income | 49,187 | 43,936 | 1,578 | _ |
| | Corporation tax | 173,216 | - | | |
| | | 1,208,354 | 976,813 | 6,838,672 | 5,092,594 |

13. INVESTMENTS HELD AS CURRENT ASSETS

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| The Group and The Company Investments – listed on recognised stock exchange | £ | £ |
| in Great Britain | 1,919,607 | 1,790,837 |
| Cash deposits with terms in excess of seven days | 1,146,538 | 943,602 |
| | 3,066,145 | 2,734,439 |
| Market value of listed investments at 31 December | 1,939,927 | 1,997,962 |

14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|---|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase | | | | |
| contracts | 22,257 | 12,236 | - | _ |
| Trade creditors | 351,762 | 64,041 | - | - |
| Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings | - | - | 4,831,554 | 4,831,554 |
| Corporation tax | 157,049 | 65,379 | 28,225 | 10,999 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 28,100 | 32,058 | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| Taxation and social security | 312,826 | 19,913 | - | - |
| Other creditors | 16,000 | 253,912 | - | _ |
| Dividends payable | <u> </u> | 61,450 | | 61,450 |
| | 887,994 | 508,989 | 4,865,279 | 4,909,503 |
| | | | | ===== |

Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets to which they relate.

15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

| | The Group | | The Company | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Obligations under finance lease and | | | | |
| hire purchase contracts | 25,936 | 5,156 | - | - |

16. BORROWINGS

| | The Group | | The | Сотрапу |
|---|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase | | | | |
| contracts | 48,193 | 17,392 | - | - |
| | ======= | | | |
| The maturity of the above amounts is as follows: | | | | |
| Within one year or on demand | 22,257 | 12,236 | - | - |
| Between one and two years | 12,752 | 5,156 | _ | _ |
| Between two and five years | 13,184 | • | - | - |
| • | | | | |
| | 48,193 | 17,392 | _ | - |
| | | | | |

Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2003

17. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

| | | Balance at 1 January 2003 £ | Credited to profit and loss account | Applied £ | Balance at 31 December 2003 £ |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Deferre | ed taxation | 187,403 | - - | (1,552) | 185,851 |
| The am | ounts of deferred taxation provided in | the accounts are as follows: | lows: | | |
| | | | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| Acceler | rated capital allowances | | | 185,851 | 187,403 |
| 18. CALLI | ED UP SHARE CAPITAL | | | | |
| | | | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| Author | | | | 645 | 615 |
| | ordinary shares of £1.00 each ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 25 | 645 25 |
| | 'ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 153 | 153 |
| | " ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 197 | 197 |
| | 'ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 209 | 209 |
| | | | | 1,229 | 1,229 |
| Called | up and fully paid | | | | |
| | ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 645 | 645 |
| | ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 25 | 25 |
| | ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 153 | 153 |
| | ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 197 | 197 |
| 209 "E" | ordinary shares of £1.00 each | | | 209 | 209 |
| | | | | 1,229 | 1,229 |

The "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E" shares rank pari passu in all respects except that dividends may be recommended and declared on the "C" ordinary shares without a like dividend being voted on the other shares.

19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUBSIDIARIES

| Subsidiary | Country of incorporation/registration and operation | Activity | Portion of ordinary shares held |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Molecular Light Technology Research Limited | Wales | Development of immunodiagnostic technology | 100% |
| Bioanalysis Limited | Wales | Development of immunodiagnostic technology | 100% |

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Dr J S Woodhead and Dr I Weeks were amongst the original inventors of patents in respect of immunodiagnostic technology. Fifty per cent of monies paid to UWCM in respect of these patents is payable to the original inventors. Dr J S Woodhead and Dr I Weeks each receive 33.3% of amounts paid to the inventors. These payments continue in perpetuity.

Dr J S Woodhead and Dr I Weeks each received £193,174 from UWCM in respect of inventors' fees during the year to 31 December 2003 (2002 - £165,050).

21. PARENT COMPANY

The directors consider Gen-Probe Incorporated, a company registered in the United States of Amercia, to be the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party. Copies of the financial statements of Gen-Probe Incorporated can be obtained from the registered office of Molecular Light Technology Limited.

22. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Operating profit | 1,233,303 | 754,468 |
| Depreciation on tangible fixed assets | 162,596 | 141,431 |
| (Increase)/decrease in stocks | (41,583) | 26,409 |
| Increase in trade debtors | (58,325) | (311,020) |
| Profit on disposal of fixed asset | (3,475) | - |
| Increase in trade creditors | 338,764 | 154,547 |
| Write-back of provision for diminution in value of investments | (211,618) | 160,781 |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 1,419,662 | 926,616 |
| | | |

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RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS 23.

| | | | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|--|-----------------|------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Increase in cash in the year (Decrease)/increase in current asset investments Cash to repay finance leases | | | 1,213,120 (82,847) 21,319 | 194,280 11,820 19,915 |
| Change in net debt resulting from cash flows | | | 1,151,592 | 226,015 |
| Write-back/(provision) for diminution in investments New finance leases | | | 211,618 (52,120) | (160,781) (12,200) |
| Change in net funds | | | 1,311,090 | 53,034 |
| Net funds at 1 January | | | 3,212,392 | 3,159,358 |
| Net funds at 31 December | | | 4,523,482 | 3,212,392 |
| ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT | | | | |
| | At 1 January | Cash | Other non-cash | At 31 December |

24.

| | At 1 January 2003 £ | Cash flows £ | Other non-cash changes £ | At 31 December 2003 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | 495,345 | 1,010,185 | - | 1,505,530 |
| Current asset investments | 2,734,439 | 120,088 | 211,618 | 3,066,145 |
| Finance leases | (17,392) | 21,319 | (52,120) | (48,193) |
| | 3,212,392 | 1,151,592 | 159,498 | 4,523,482 |