ROVER GROUP TRUSTEES LIMITED

(LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 1997



Registered in England and Wales number 2597360

ROVER GROUP TRUSTEES LIMITED

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their report and audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 1997.

The Company

The Company is incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee without share capital. Every member of the Company undertakes to contribute a maximum of £1 to the assets in the event of the Company being wound up.

Review of Activities

The Company was engaged throughout the financial year in acting as the Trustee of the Rover Group Pension Scheme. The Company was also the Trustee of the Rover Group Central Trust until it was wound up with effect from 11 September 1997. In performing its duties as Trustee, the Company neither incurred any expenses nor received any income in the current year or the previous year.

Directors of the Company

The Directors of the Company at 31 December 1997 were:

Mr R A C Sloan (Chairman)

Mr P Anderson

Mr J F Briffitt

Mr J Cambridge

Mr J L Catney

Mr N P Chalk

Mr A C Harfield

Mr M E Hayes

Mr L H Miles

Mr R S Neville

Mr P L Phipps

Mr P W Read

Mr I S Robertson

Mr H A Rose

Mr N J Stephenson

Mr C J Woodcock

Mr R W Turner

Mrs A M B Youngson

All Directors served throughout the year with the exception of Mr P W Read who was appointed a Director on 14 March 1997.

Statement of 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 of the Company for that period.

Auditors

A resolution concerning the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the Company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

J W SUCKLING

Secretary

Date: 11 March 1998

Report of the Auditors KPMG to the members of Rover Group Trustees Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 and 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 as at 31 December 1997 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Birmingham

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Date: 11 March 1998

ROVER GROUP TRUSTEES LIMITED

(A company limited by guarantee and not having share capital)

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>31.12.97</u> £	<u>31.12.96</u> £	
Current Assets			
Debtors			
Amount due from Rover Group Limited	100	100	
Creditors - Amounts Falling due within one year			
Amount due to Rover Group Limited	(100)	(100)	
	NIL —	NIL	
Capital and Reserves	NIL	NIL	
Signed on behalf of the Board)		
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11 March 1998			

Rover Group Trustees Limited

Notes to the Accounts for the Year ended 31 December 1997

1. Status of Company

The Company is incorporated as a Company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Every member undertakes to contribute a maximum of £1 to the assets of the Company in the event of the Company being wound up.

2. Accounting Policies

These accounts are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

3. Profit and Loss Account

During the year and the preceding year the Company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during these years, the Company made neither a profit nor a loss.

4. Directors' Remuneration

The Directors received no remuneration in either years for their services to the Company.

There are no employees of the Company (1996: Nil)