

**Directors' Report:** The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004.

**Directors:** The directors holding office during the year are set out below. No director has any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company.

R Oliver and H Thomas

By Order of the Board



**H Thomas**  
Secretary

Date: 1 March 2005

**Registered Office:** Aldgate House, 33 Aldgate High Street, London EC3N 1DL

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004**

	<u>2004</u> £'000	<u>2003</u> £'000
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
Debtors – amount owed by fellow group undertaking	<u>19,220</u>	<u>19,220</u>
<b><u>Capital and Reserves</u></b>		
<i>Called up share capital</i>		
Authorised: 2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		
Issued and fully paid: 1,780,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,780	1,780
Profit and loss account	<u>17,440</u>	<u>17,440</u>
	<u>19,220</u>	<u>19,220</u>

For the year ended 31 December 2004 the Company was entitled to exemption under Section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (a) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221; and
- (b) 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 the requirements of Section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

Approved on behalf of the Board



**R Oliver**  
Director

Date: 1 March 2005

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1. The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards and on a basis consistent with the previous year.
2. The Company has not traded during the year or the previous year, has incurred no liabilities and, consequently, has made neither profit nor loss. None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company.
3. The Company is a close company within the meaning of Section 414 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1998. Within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985 Thomson Information & Solutions Limited is regarded by the Directors of the Company as being the immediate parent company, and Thomson Investments Limited ("TIL") is regarded by the directors of the Company as being the Company's ultimate parent company and controlling party. Within the meaning of the said Act The Thomson Corporation ("Thomson") is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member and The Thomson Corporation PLC ("Thomson PLC") is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member. TIL and Thomson are incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada. Thomson PLC is incorporated in England and Wales.

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