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BAE SYSTEMS DEFENCE LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2004

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their report for the year ended 31st December 2004.

Activities

The Company has not traded on its own account during the year.

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the year were:

Mr D S Parkes Miss A-L Holding

None of the Directors is due to retire from the Board under the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association.

None of the Directors has (or has had) any beneficial interest in the share capital of the Company, (or any subsidiary company of the BAE SYSTEMS group of companies). The Directors who held office at the end of the year had the following interests in the share capital of the Company's ultimate holding company, BAE SYSTEMS plc:

	Ord. Shares of 2.5p		Share Options			
Directors	1.1.04	31.12.04	1.1.04	Exercised	Granted	31.12.04
D.S.Parkes	1,385	1,385	41,306	1,396	9,004	48,914
A-L Holding	-	-	2,000	-	-	2,000

	Conditional Awards of Shares under BAE SYSTEMS Performance Share Plan					
Name	1.1.04	Exercised/ Lapsed	Granted	31.12.04		
D S Parkes	4,700	_	5,500	10,200		

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

D.S. PARKES Secretary

> Warwick House PO Box 87 Farnborough Aerospace Centre Farnborough Hants GU14 6YU

> > 23 September 2005

Company Number: 2653637

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2004

Financed by:

Ordinary Share Capital Authorised, issued and fully paid: Ordinary Shares of £1 each

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- (a) For the year ended 31st December 2004 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
 - i. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; 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 or 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.

These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 23 Sylvania 2005 and were signed on its behalf by:

D S PARKES Director

The notes on page 4 form part of these accounts.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. Profit and Loss Account

The Company has not traded during the accounting period, has received no income and incurred no expenditure, and consequently has made neither a profit nor a loss. A profit and loss account has therefore not been prepared.

2. <u>Directors' Emoluments</u>

No Director received any emoluments from the Company during the year (2003: £nil).

3. Amount Owed by Group Companies

The amount owed by group companies is in respect of a loan to BAE SYSTEMS plc. The loan bears no interest and is repayable on demand.

4. <u>Ultimate Holding Company</u>

The ultimate holding company is BAE SYSTEMS plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain, and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the group accounts of BAE SYSTEMS plc, the largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated, can be obtained from 6 Carlton Gardens London SW1Y 5AD.