

Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1994.

Principal activity and business review

On 30 June 1993 the undertakings of the constituent companies of the distribution division of Lloyds Chemists plc were transferred to the company. On 1 July 1993 the company commenced the distribution of pharmaceutical, medical and related products.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The results for the year are set out on page 6. The directors propose the payment of a dividend of £15,000,000 (1993: £Nil). The retained profit of £19,506,000 is transferred to reserves.

Significant changes in fixed assets

The changes in fixed assets are set out in notes 10 and 11 to the financial statements.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

AJ Lloyd

PE Lloyd

RG Turner

SW Buckell

WI Jack

CF Wilson

MD Yorke

DA Condliffe

J Poole

Mrs M Lloyd

CP Gee

(appointed 28 February 1994)

RK Wood

(appointed 11 June 1994)

S Whetstone CJ Maddox

(appointed 11 June 1994) (resigned 19 May 1994)

RJ Steele

(resigned 15 April 1994)

MA Ward was appointed as a director on 18 July 1994.

AJ Lloyd, PE Lloyd, RG Turner and SW Buckell were directors of Lloyds Chemists plc, the ultimate holding company at the year end and their interests are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.



Directors' report (continued)

Directors and directors' interests (continued)

The interests of the other directors serving at the end of the year, in Lloyds Chemists plc, were as follows:

	Ordinary shares of 5p each Number			each		each
	1994	1993	1994	1993	1994	1993
WI Jack	1,025	1,000	80,000	30,000	10,182	10,182
CF Wilson	2,417	3,528	83,640	33,640	7,560	7,560
MD Yorke	-	88	10,000	5,000	•	
DA Condliffe	50	8,450	10,000	5,000	10,182	10,182
J Poole	-	3,000	10,000	5,000	10,182	10,182
Mrs M Lloyd	1,000,000	1,000,000	91,200	41,200	7,560	7,560
CP Gee	-	_	-	-	-	· -
RK Wood	-	-	-	-	_	_
S Whetstone	-	-	-	-	_	-

On 14 October 1993 the following share options were granted under the terms of the Lloyds Chemists plc Executive Share Option Scheme:

Ordinary shares
of 5p each
Number
1994
50,000
50,000
5,000
5,000
5,000
50,000

Liability insurance

Pursuant to Section 310 of the Companies Act 1985, the company maintains insurance for its directors and officers against the financial consequences of actions brought against them by outside parties for acts or omissions in the performance of their duties as directors or officers of the company.

Directors' report (continued)

Employees

The company has developed and maintained arrangements whereby employees are consulted and provided with information about current activities and progress within the company and with training to improve the operational efficiency of the company.

The company supports the employment of disabled people wherever possible, through recruitment, by retention of those who become disabled during their employment and generally through training, career development and promotion, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities.

It is company policy to provide equal employment opportunities without regard to race, religion, sex, national origin or age.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Peat Marwick as auditors is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By order of the board

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SW Buckell

Secretary

Britannia House Centurion Park Tamworth Staffordshire B77 5TZ

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the report of the auditors set out on page 5, describes the responsibilities of the directors in relation to these financial statements.

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year.

The directors consider that in preparing the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 17, the Company has used appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. All applicable accounting standards have been followed and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company maintains adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The directors have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.





Peat House 2 Cornwall Street Birmingham B3 2DL

Auditors' report to the members of Barclay Pharmaceuticals Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 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 mis-statement, 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 30 June 1994 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

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12 October 1994

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 30 June 1994

	Note	Continuing operations 1994 £'000
Turnover	1	620,154
Cost of sales		(532,638)
Gross profit		87,516
Distribution costs		(31,217)
Administrative expenses		(2,674)
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		53,625
Interest receivable	3	24
Interest payable	4	(1,536)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	52,113
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(17,607)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation and for the financial year		34,506
Dividends proposed	8	(15,000)
Retained profit for the financial year	18	19,506

A statement of movements on reserves is given in note 18 to the financial statements.

The effect of acquisitions on turnover and operating profit is considered to be not material.

Balance sheet at 30 June 1994

	Note	£'000	1994 £'000	£,000	1993 £'000
Fixed assets				2 000	2 000
Tangible assets	10		10,619		6,989

Tangible assets 10 Investments 11	10,619 1,053	6,989 1,053	
		11,672	8,042

Current assets		11	3,072
Stocks	12	45,589	9,437

Debtors	13	378,258	757,246
Cash at bank and in hand		11,918	9,883

Creditors: amounts falling due		435,765	776,566
within one year	14	(409,258)	(760,266)

Net current assets	26,507	16,300
		

Total assets less current		
liabilities	38,179	24,342
Creditors: amounts falling due	00,277	24,342

after more than one year	15	(268)	(257)
Provisions for liabilities and			(201)
charges	16	(680)	(408)

Net assets	37,231	23,677
	- · ,	20,077

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Capital and reserves		

Called up share capital	<i>17</i>	25,000	25,000
Goodwill write off reserve	18	(7.275)	(1.222)

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Profit and loss account	1.2	• • •	(1,525)
1 10111 and 1000 account	10	19,506	-

Total equity shareholders'		
funds	37,231	23 677

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 12 October 1994 and were signed on its behalf by:

AJ Lloyd Director

MA Ward Director

KPMG Peat Marwick

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Statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 30 June 1994

During the year ended 30 June 1994 there were no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the financial year of £34,506,000.

Historical cost profits and losses for the year ended 30 June 1994

There is no difference between the historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation and that reported in the profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 1994.

Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds for the year ended 30 June 1994

	1994
	£'000
Profit for the year after taxation	34,506
Dividends proposed	(15,000)
	19,506
Goodwill written off	(5,952)
Net movement in shareholders' funds	13,554
Shareholders' funds at 1 July 1993	23,677
Shareholders' funds at 30 June 1994	37,231

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements:

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Chemists plc which is established under the law of a member state of the European Community. Lloyds Chemists plc publishes consolidated financial statements including a consolidated cash flow statement which includes the results of Barclay Pharmaceuticals Limited, and consequently, in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, no cash flow statement is included in these financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover represents goods invoiced excluding value added tax. All sales were made in the United Kingdom.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The principal rates used are as follows:

Freehold property

- nil

Short leasehold property

- period of the lease

Motor vehicles

- 25% on a reducing balance

Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 10%-20% on a straight line basis

It is the policy of the company to maintain its properties in a state of good repair. Because of this, such properties maintain residual disposal values, based on prices prevailing at the date of purchase, at least equal to their book values and accordingly no provision for depreciation is made. Where there is a permanent diminution in the value of a property a charge is made to the profit and loss account.

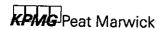
Leased assets

Assets used by the company which have been funded through finance leases are recorded as tangible fixed assets and are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Future lease obligations, net of finance charges, are included in creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element which is charged to the profit and loss account and the capital element which reduces outstanding lease obligations.

All other leases are operating leases and the rental charges are taken to the profit and loss account over the life of the lease.

Goodwill

Goodwill relating to the acquisition of businesses is written off immediately against reserves.



Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

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

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Pensions

The company is part of the defined contribution pension scheme operated by the Lloyds Chemists Group. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme. Details of the scheme are set out in the Lloyds Chemists plc group financial statements.

2 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

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		1994
		Number
	Administration	187
	Distribution	1,602
		1,789
	The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:	£'000
	Wages and salaries	17,603
	Social security costs	1,655
	Other pension costs	29
		19,287
,	Interest receivable	
		1994
		£'000
	Bank interest	24

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Notes (continued)

4 Interest payable

	1994 £'000
Bank overdrafts Finance lease charges	1,412 124
	1,536

5 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging the following:

	1994
	£'000
Directors' remuneration	455
Depreciation of fixed assets held under hire purchase agreements	
Depreciation of award to all a Court	350
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	1,467
Payments under operating leases:	_, ,
Land and buildings	4.000
Plant and machinery	1,300
· ·	260
Auditors' remuneration	58
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6 Directors' emoluments

Excluding pension contributions, the emoluments of the chairman were £Nil and those of the highest paid director were £91,000. The emoluments of the directors were within the following ranges:

	Number
£0 - £5,000	6
£5,001 - £10,000	1
£15,001 - £20,000	1
£25,001 - £30,000	1
£50,001 - £55,000	2
£65,001 - £70,000	3
£70,001 - £75,000	1
£90,001 - £95,000	1
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Notes (continued)

7 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

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Taxation based on the profit for the financial year:	1994 £'000
Corporation tax at 33%	45.005
Deferred taxation	17,335
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	17,607
Dividends	
	1994
.	£'000
Ordinary shares:	
Final proposed	15,000
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9 Transfers of trade

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On 30 June 1993 the undertakings of the constituent companies of the distribution division of Lloyds Chemists plc were transferred to the company. On 1 July 1993 the company commenced to trade.

The transfers were reflected in the financial statements as follows:

	£'000
Net tangible assets	28,149
Goodwill	1,323
	29,472
Intra-group current accounts	29,472

Notes (continued)

10 Tangible fixed assets	10	Tangible	fixed	assets
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	Freehold properties £'000	Short leasehold properties £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost		2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
At 1 July 1993	-	1,465	4,027	5,793	11,285
Additions	150	368	1,481	3,706	5,705
Intra-group transfers	-	-	(210)	(183)	(393)
Disposals	_		(207)	-	(207)
At 30 June 1994	150	1,833	5,091	9,316	16,390
Depreciation					
At 1 July 1993	-	250	1,985	2,061	4,296
Charge for the year	-	129	693	995	1,817
Intra-group transfers	-	-	(125)	(95)	(220)
Disposals	-	.	(122)	<u>-</u>	(122)
At 30 June 1994		379	2,431	2,961	5,771
Net book value					
At 30 June 1994	150	1,454	2,660	6,355	10,619
At 30 June 1993		1,215	2,042	3,732	6,989
Net book value of assets held under					
finance leases			1,365	406	1,771

11 Investments

Shares in group undertakings £'000

Cost and net book value

At 1 July 1993 and at 30 June 1994

1,053

The company owns the whole of the issued share capital of Kyle & Carrick (Holdings) Limited, which is registered in Scotland.

Under the provisions of Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 the company has not prepared consolidated financial statements since it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company registered in the European Community.

In the opinion of the directors the value of the investment in group undertakings is not less than the value stated in the balance sheet.



Notes (continued)

1993	1994		
£'000	£'000		
9,437	45,589	Goods for resale	
		Debtors	13
1993	1994		
£'000	£'000		
19,749	32,798	Trade debtors Amounts owed by parent undertakings and fellow subsidiary	
735,237	344,298		
1,380	354	1177	
880	808	Prepayments	
757,246	378,258		
		Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14
1993	1994	•	
£,000	£'000		
23,251	300	Bank overdrafts	
588	748		
95,527	126,181	·	
		Amounts owed to parent undertakings and fellow subsidiary	
630,485		•	
172			
5,366		■ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
2,481			
2,396	<u> </u>	Associated and deferred income	
760,266	409,258		
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Notes (continued)

15	Creditors: amounts falling due af	fter more than o	one year		
				1994	1993
				£'000	£'000
	Obligations under finance leases			268	257
	The obligations under finance lease	es are repayable :	as follows:		
	Within one year			748	588
	Between two and five years			268	257
				1,016	845
16	Provisions for liabilities and char	ges			
					Deferred taxation £'000
	At 1 July 1993				408
	Transfer from profit and loss accou	nt			272
	At 30 June 1994				680
	The amounts provided for deferred method at 33% are set out below:	taxation and th	e amounts unprovi	ded, calculated	under the liabilit
			1994		1993
		Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
		£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
	Accelerated capital allowances	680	-	408	(46)
	Chargeable gains rolled over			-	76 ———
		680	76	408	30
17	Called up share capital			1994	1993
	Authorised, allotted, called up and			£'000	£'000

Notes (continued)

18 Reserves

	Goodwill write-off reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At 1 July 1993	(1,323)	
Goodwill written off	(5,952)	-
Profit for the year		19,506
At 30 June 1994	(7,275)	19,506

19 Acquisition of businesses

During the year the company acquired the trade and certain assets of the following businesses:

Effective date

Barclay & Sons (London)	7 July 1993
Dobbin & Stewart	8 November 1993
Daniels Pharmaceutical	11 June 1994

The analysis of these acquisitions is as follows:

	Book value £'000	Provisions £'000	Fair value £'000
Fixed assets	871	-	871
Other net liabilities	(1,277)	(425)	(1,702)
Total	(406)	(425)	(831)
Consideration			5,121
Goodwill			5,952

The consideration payable in respect of these acquisitions is provisional and may be revised during the year ending 30 June 1995.

20 Directors' transactions

The company occupies offices and a distribution centre which are owned by The Croft Pension Trust, the beneficiaries of which include Mr AJ Lloyd and Mr PE Lloyd together with their dependants, and leased at a current annual rental of £165,000.

The rentals payable were determined on an arm's length basis and future rent reviews will be similarly determined.

Notes (continued)

21 Commitments under operating leases

The annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are:

	1994		1993	
	Land and buildings £'000	Other assets £'000	Land and buildings £'000	Other assets £'000
Commitments which expire:				
Within one year	_	23	-	_
Within two to five years	-	202	-	
After more than five years	918	-	-	-
	918	225		-

22 Capital commitments

Capital expenditure sanctioned by the board and outstanding at 30 June 1994 amounted to £3,100,000 (1993: £3,000,000).

Contracts placed against these sanctions so far as not provided for in these financial statements amounted to £1,050,000 (1993: £1,000,000).

23 Contingent liabilities

The company guarantees the borrowings of other group companies which at 30 June 1994 amounted to £Nil (1993: £40,000,000).

24 Ultimate holding company

The ultimate holding company is Lloyds Chemists plc, which is registered in England and Wales.

The financial statements of the company are included with the group financial statements of Lloyds Chemists plc but are not included within any other group financial statements.

Copies of the group financial statements may be obtained from Britannia House, Centurion Park, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 5TZ.