HALIFAX SECRETARIES LIMITED (formerly Halifax Development Company Limited)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

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DIRECTORS AND COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

D J McPherson R K Moorhouse

SECRETARY

F Sobo

REGISTERED OFFICE

Trinity Road Halifax West Yorkshire HX1 2RG

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY, RESULTS AND DIVIDEND

The Company changed its name from Halifax Development Company Limited on 15 November 2000.

The Company has not traded during the year and has therefore received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, the Company made neither a profit nor a loss. The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

Halifax Group plc owns all the ordinary share capital of Halifax plc, the parent undertaking.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

D J McPherson

M S Lodge resigned 17 November 2000 R K Moorhouse appointed 17 November 2000

During the year no director had any interest in the share capital of the Company or of any group undertaking other than the ultimate holding company and no rights to subscribe for such interests were granted.

The interest of the Directors in the shares of the ultimate holding company, including interests in shares held beneficially under the long term and short term bonus schemes were as follows:

At 31 December 2000 At 1 January 2000 (or date of appointment)

D J McPherson 4962* 185 R K Moorhouse - - *Share interest in the long term bonus scheme included above represent the maximum number which could be released under the terms of that scheme.

Under the terms of the Halifax Group plc Sharesave Scheme 1997, options to acquire shares in the ultimate holding company were granted to the following directors:

Exercised in Year Granted in Year

D J McPherson - 823

AUDITORS

Having satisfied the provisions of Section 249A of the Companies Act 1985 relating to dormant companies the Company has not appointed auditors.

By order of the board

Femi-Sobo SECRETARY

Trinity Road Halifax HX1 2RG

16 February 2001

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2000

	Note	2000 £	1999 £
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors: amounts owed by parent undertaking		2	2
CAPITAL & RESERVES Called up share capital	2	<u>2</u>	2

The Company was dormant throughout the year and the Directors make the following statements:

- the Company is eligible to take advantage of the relevant audit exemption (S249A(1));
- no notice from the Member has been deposited with the Company requiring an audit relative to the year concerned (S249B(2)); and
- the Directors acknowledge their obligation to keep proper accounting records and to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view of the Company's position and are in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16 February 2001 and were signed on its behalf by

R K Moorhouse DIRECTOR

The notes on page 6 form part of these Financial Statements.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

During the financial year the Company received no income and incurred no expenditure and consequently there is neither a profit nor a loss to report.

NOTES TO THE FINACIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and have been drawn up under the historical cost convention.

2 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000 £	1999 £
Authorised		
1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

3 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

Following a group reconstruction on 1 June 1999, a new ultimate parent undertaking, Halifax Group plc, was established, which owns all the ordinary share capital of Halifax plc, the previous parent undertaking. Halifax Group plc is registered in England and Wales and operates in the United Kingdom. Copies of the Financial Statements of Halifax Group plc and Halifax plc can be obtained from Trinity Road, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX1 2RG, which is the principal place of business for both companies.