Directors' report and accounts 31st March 1995

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Directors and advisers

Directors

Roger B Morgan Michael E A Carpenter FCA Allan M Nichols

Secretary

Michael E A Carpenter FCA

Registered office

6 Alie Street London E1 8DD

Auditors

KPMG 8 Salisbury Square London EC4Y 8BB

Report of the directors

The directors submit their report together with the audited accounts for the year to 31st March 1995.

Company's business

The principal activity of the company is to act as a corporate member of Lloyd's and to participate in the Lloyd's insurance market through the provision of underwriting capacity to various Lloyd's syndicates which underwrite insurance and reinsurance business.

Business review

During the year a cash amount of £1,560,000 was released from the LIMIT (No.4) Limited premiums trust fund, as an advance on the 1994 underwriting result.

A review of the activities and results of the group is given within the chairman's statement accompanying the accounts of London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc for the year to 31st March 1995.

The company's participations in Lloyd's syndicates for the 1994 and 1995 underwriting years of account are as follows:

Syndicate Number	1995 Capacity £ million	1994 Capacity £ million
435	5.0	5.0
490	15.0	12.0
623	3.5	3.0
1003	25.0	15.0
1007	12.0	10.0
1212	10.5	7.0
	71.0	52.0

Directors

R B Morgan M E A Carpenter FCA A M Nichols

Directors' interests

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company.

The interests of directors in other group companies and syndicates are disclosed in the directors' report of the ultimate holding company, London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc.

Share capital

The company has authorised share capital of £100 divided into 100 ordinary shares of £1 each. The company had issued share capital of £1 on incorporation.

Registered Office

On 9th November 1994 the company changed its registered office to 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8DD with effect from 1st January 1995.

Auditors

On 6th February 1995 our auditors changed the name under which they practise to KPMG and accordingly have signed their report in their new name.

In accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the company has passed a resolution dispensing with the requirement to reappoint its auditors annually. KPMG will continue to hold office as auditors of the company for the forthcoming year.

By order of the board,

MEA Carpenter FCA

Secretary

6 Alie Street

London

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13th June 1995

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the preparation of accounts

The directors are required by company law to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the results for that period. In preparing those accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They 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.

Report of the auditors to the members of LIMIT (No.4) Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 7 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 5 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts 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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31st March 1995 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

London

13th June 1995

Profit and loss account For the year ended 31st March 1995

		Year ended 31st March 1995	8 month period ended 31st March 1994
		318t Match 1993	31st March 1994
	Note	£	£
Interest from UK listed investments		32,941	-
Other interest		33,299	-
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		66,240	-
Tax on profit from ordinary activities	2	(21,859)	-
Retained profit for the year	10	44,381	•
Statement of total recognised gains an	d losses	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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		Year ended 31st March 1995	8 month period ended 31st March 1994
		£	£
Retained profit for the year		44,381	-
Unrealised capital gains on investments		4,803	-
Total recognised gains and losses		49,184	-

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Balance sheet at 31st March 1995

		At 31st March 1995	At 31st March 1994
Fixed assets	Note	£	£
Investments	3	936,802	-
Current assets Debtors: amounts falling			
due within one year	4	33,484	1
Cash at bank and in hand		606,129	-
Net current assets		639,613	 1
Total assets less current liabilities		1,576,415	1
Provisions for liabilities and charges	5	(1,527,230)	
Net assets		49,185	1
Capital and reserves			<u> </u>
Called up share capital	7	1	1
Capital reserve - unrealised		4,803	- -
Profit and loss account		44,381	-
		49,185	1

These accounts were approved by the board of directors on 13th June 1995.

M E A Carpenter Director

A M Nichols Director

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the accounts (forming part of the accounts)

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

- (a) Profits arising on Lloyd's underwriting activities are recognised in the period in which the related underwriting year is closed.
- (b) Provision is made for losses as soon as they are foreseen in the aggregate for syndicates supported in a year of account on the basis of information which is available to the directors at the date on which the accounts are approved. Similarly, provision is made for future deterioration of any year of account of a syndicate that has gone into run-off.

Whilst the directors consider that the provision for losses on open years and years of account in run-off are fairly stated on the basis of the information available to them, the ultimate liability will vary as a result of subsequent information and events and may result in significant adjustments to the losses foreseen. Adjustments to the amounts of provisions are reflected in the accounts for the period in which the adjustments are made. The methods used, and estimates made, are regularly reviewed.

(c) Pending closure of an underwriting year of account, any amounts released from the LIMIT (No.4) Limited premiums trust fund, as an advance on the underwriting result of that year, are treated in the balance sheet as an asset and a liability under provisions for liabilities and charges. Any interest and investment income earned on a premiums trust fund release is taken to the profit and loss account on an accruals basis.

(d) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation, calculated on the liability method, is provided on items which are recognised for account purposes in different periods, to the extent that the asset or liability will crystallise.

(e) Investments

Investments are stated at market value. Although this is a departure from Companies Act 1985 which requires investments to be stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value, the directors consider the use of market value is necessary to give a proper measure of the economic performance of the company and hence a true and fair view of the profit or loss for the year. Unrealised profits and losses are adjusted through reserves. Realised profits and losses on sales of investments are included in the profit and loss account.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

2 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

		1995 £	1994 £
	Deferred tax	21,859	<u>-</u>
		21,859	<u> </u>
3	Investments		
		1995 £	1994 £
	Listed fixed interest securities	936,802	
4	Debtors		
		1995 £	1994 £
	Interest receivable Amounts due from parent undertaking	33,483	1
		33,484	1

Notes to the accounts (continued)

5 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Premiums Trust Fund	Deferred Tax	Total
	£	£	£
At 1st April 1994	-	-	-
Cash release from LIMIT (No.4) Limited premiums trust fund	1,560,000	-	1,560,000
Exchange loss	(54,629)	-	(54,629)
Timing difference on income	-	21,859	21,859
At 31st March 1995	1,505,371	21,859	1,527,230
			<u> </u>

During the year a cash amount of £1,560,000 was released from the LIMIT (No.4) Limited premiums trust fund, as an advance on the 1994 underwriting result. Of this amount, £960,000 was released in sterling and the balance of £600,000 in US dollars (US\$888,000 converted at £1=US\$1.48). On 11th November 1994, £960,000 of cash was transferred to LIMIT plc, and replaced with £960,000 of listed fixed interest securities at market value.

Pending closure of the 1994 underwriting year of account, the fixed interest securities transferred at market value to the LIMIT (No.4) Limited premiums trust fund have been treated as an investment in the balance sheet at their 31st March 1995 market value (see note 3). The unrealised movement on this investment has been taken directly to capital reserves. The remaining US dollar cash has been converted at the 31st March 1995 exchange rate of £1=US\$1.63, resulting in an unrealised exchange loss of £54,629. This loss is matched by a corresponding exchange gain of £54,629 on the initial cash release of £1,560,000 which has been treated as a liability under provisions for liabilities and charges, pending closure of the 1994 underwriting year of account.

6 Profit and loss account expenses

All management expenses for the company, including audit fees, have been borne by the company's parent, London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc. No staff were employed by the company during the period. No emoluments were paid to directors during the period.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

7 Called up share capital

£

Authorised ordinary shares of £1 each

100

Allotted, called up and fully paid ordinary shares of £1 each

1

8 Guarantees and contingencies

The company's ultimate holding company, London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc ("LIMIT plc"), has entered into a deed of covenant in respect LIMIT (No.4) Limited to meet the obligations of LIMIT (No.4) Limited to Lloyd's. The total guarantee given by LIMIT plc under the deed of covenant amounts to £33,940,000, which together with the 3% solvency credit of £1,560,000 provides a total 'funds at Lloyd's' amount of £35,500,000, being 50% of the overall premium limit of LIMIT (No.4) Limited for the 1995 year of account. The amount of the guarantee by LIMIT plc was increased in November 1994 from £26,000,000, being 50% of the overall premium limit of LIMIT (No.4) Limited for the 1994 year of account.

The obligation under the deed of covenant is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the investments and other assets of LIMIT plc in favour of Lloyd's. Similar arrangements have been made in respect of other corporate member subsidiaries.

Liability under the deed of covenant is limited to a fixed monetary amount. Accordingly, where the total value of investments held by LIMIT plc has fallen below the total of all amounts covenanted to each of the corporate member subsidiaries, the enforcement by Lloyd's of the deed of covenant in the event of a default by LIMIT (No.4) Limited may result in the appropriation of a share of the group's funds at Lloyd's that is greater than the proportion which LIMIT (No.4) Limited overall premium limit bears to the total overall premium limit of the group. A similar result may occur in the event of default by other corporate member subsidiaries.

9 Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Statement 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

Notes to the accounts (continued)

10 Profit and loss account

	1995 £	1994 £
At 1st April 1994 Profit for the financial year	- 44,381	-
	44,381	
Reconciliation of movement in shareholders funds:		
	1995	1994
	£	£
Opening shareholders funds	1	1
Profit for the financial year	44,381	-
Unrealised capital gains on investments	4,803	-
	49,185	1

11 Ultimate holding company

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of LIMIT Holdings Limited. The ultimate holding company of LIMIT (No.4) Limited is London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc, a company registered in the United Kingdom.

Copies of the group accounts produced by London Insurance Market Investment Trust plc are available from 6 Alie Street, London, E1 8DD.