NUCLEAR LIABILITIES MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Registered No. 2970356

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 March 2001

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Nuclear Liabilities Management Company Limited

DIRECTORS

D R Bonser

SECRETARY

A J Shuttleworth

AUDITORS

Ernst & Young LLP 100 Barbirolli Square Manchester M2 3EY

BANKERS

National Westminster Bank Plc 55 King Street Manchester M60 2DB

REGISTERED OFFICE

Risley Warrington Road Warrington Cheshire WA3 6AS

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2001.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £18,000 (2000: profit of £74,000).

The Directors do not recommend a final dividend (2000: £nil).

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Company ceased trading during the year ended 31 March 2001. It's principal activity before cessation of trade was to help drive and demonstrate improvements in the totality of liabilities management on BNFL sites by constructive but firm challenge and peer review and to oversee the funding of BNFL's share of liabilities on its sites.

DIRECTORS

The Directors who served during the year were as follows:

R A N Chiese (Chairman), resigned 1 August 2000 D May (Managing Director), resigned 30 Nov 2000

D R Bonser

There are no Directors' interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985.

AUDITORS

On 20 December 2000 the Directors passed elective resolutions under section 366A and 386 of the Companies Act 1885 to dispense with the holding of Annual General Meetings and the obligation to appoint auditors annually.

On 28 June 2001, Ernst & Young, the Company's auditor, transferred its entire business to Ernst & Young LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Directors consented to treating the appointment of Ernst & Young as extending to Ernst & Young LLP with effect from 28 June 2001.

By order of the Board

A J Shuttleworth Company Secretary

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the Directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company 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 confirm that the accounts comply with the above requirements.

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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF NUCLEAR LIABLITIES MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2001 which comprise Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to14. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 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 financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 March 2001 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP Registered Auditor Manchester

Date 7-1-02

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2001

| | Notes | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------|
| TURNOVER | 2 | - | 23 |
| Net operating costs and expenses | 3 | (30) | (31) |
| OPERATING LOSS | - | . (30) | (8) |
| Other Income | | 2 | 66 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION | _ | (18) | 65 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 7 | - | 9 |
| (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR | _ | (18) | 74 |
| Dividends paid and proposed | | - | - |
| RETAINED (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE YEAR | | (18) | 74 |

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES for the year ended 31 March 2001

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year (2000:profit).

BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2001

| | | 2001 | 2000 |
|--|---------|------|------|
| | Notes | £000 | £000 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | _ | -0- | *** |
| Debtors | 8 | 587 | 231 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 7 | 387 |
| | <u></u> | 594 | 618 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year | . 9 | (29) | (35) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | _ | 565 | 583 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 565 | 583 |
| NET ASSETS | | 565 | 583 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | |
| Called up share capital | 10 | 500 | 500 |
| Profit and loss account | 11 | 65 | 83 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS - EQUITY | 12 | 565 | 583 |
| | _ | | |

D R Bonser

Director 2001, 20 December.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 March 2001

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, net of depreciation and provision for permanent diminution in value. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements - 20% straight line
Computer equipment - 33% straight line
Fixtures and fittings - 20% straight line

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

Pensions

The Company operates a defined benefit pension scheme which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. The contributions to this fund are based on independent actuarial valuations designed to secure the benefits as set out in the rules. Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives with the Company. The regular cost is attributed to individual years using a projected unit credit method. Variations in pension costs, which are identified as a result of actuarial valuations, are amortised over the average expected remaining working lives of employees in proportion to their expected payroll costs.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, represents amounts invoiced to the parent undertaking.

Turnover is attributable to one activity, the challenge and peer review of liabilities management on BNFL sites and the overseeing of the funding of BNFL's share of liabilities on its sites. The source and destination of all turnover is the UK. All turnover ceased during the year ending 31 March 2000.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) at 31 March 2001

3. NET OPERATING COSTS AND EXPENSES

| Net operating costs and expenses include: | | |
|---|------|------|
| , , | 2001 | 2000 |
| • | £000 | £000 |
| Depreciation - owned fixed assets | - | 10 |
| Auditors' remuneration - audit services | - | 3 |
| Bad debt expense | 17 | 6 |
| Other external and operating charges | 13 | 12 |
| | 30 | 31 |

4. EMPLOYEE INFORMATION (including Executive Directors)

The average weekly number of employees during the year was 0 (2000: 5).

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

None of the listed directors are paid by the Company.

6. OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

| | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bank interest | 10 | 7 |
| 7. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITI | ES | |
| | 2001 | 2000 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Corporation tax @30% (2000: 30%) | - | 8 |
| Adjustments in respect of prior years | - | 1 |
| | - | 9 |

The company has no deferred tax asset or liability.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) at 31 March 2001

| 8. | DEBTORS | | |
|-----|---|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8. | DEBIORS | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
| | Amounts owed by Group Undertakings Corporation Tax Debtor Other Debtors & Prepayments | 580 5 2 | 199 5 27 |
| | | 587 | 231 |
| 9. | CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | | |
| | | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
| | Trade creditors Amounts owed to Group Undertakings Amounts owed to related parties | 29 | 1 31 3 |
| | | 29 | 35 |
| 10. | SHARE CAPITAL | | |
| | | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
| | Authorised: 2 million ordinary shares of £1 each | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | Allotted, called up and fully paid: 500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each | 500 | 500 |
| 11. | RESERVES | | |
| | | | Profit and loss account £000 |
| | At 1 April 2000 Loss for the year | | 83 (18) |
| | At 31 March 2001 | | 65 |

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued) at 31 March 2001

12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

| | 2001 £000 | 2000 £000 |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| (Loss)/Profit for the financial year Opening shareholders' funds | (18) 583 | 74 509 |
| Closing shareholders' funds | 565 | 583 |

13. PENSIONS

The Company participates in the BNFL Group Pension Scheme which is a defined benefit (final salary) pension scheme and is available to all employees. The scheme is separately administered and is funded by contributions, partly from the employees and partly from the participating companies. The Company contributions are based on the results of independent actuarial triennial valuations using the projected unit credit method, the particulars of which are contained in the Group accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc.

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The ultimate holding company is British Nuclear Fuels plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain. Copies of the Group accounts of British Nuclear Fuels plc may be obtained from its registered office at Risley, Warrington, WA3 6AS. The Company is not included in any other Group accounts.

In the Directors' opinion, the Company's ultimate controlling party is Her Majesty's Government.

The Company, being a wholly owned subsidiary of British Nuclear Fuels plc has taken advantage of the exemption from the disclosure requirements as available in para. 3(c) of FRS8.