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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Adrian J Pink Anthony J Thompson

SECRETARY

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SOLICITORS

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants Cambridge

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activity is property investment in the United Kingdom.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The company has made a profit before tax of £52,253 (2003 - £253,900). The directors expect the profits for 2005 to be similar to those in 2004.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2003 - nil).

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served throughout the year were as follows:

Adrian J Pink

Anthony J Thompson

Neither director held any beneficial interest in the shares of the company or other group companies at 1 January 2004 or 31 December 2004 or at any time during the year.

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors 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 financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- □ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements 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.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Adrian J Pink

Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SODESM PROPERTY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Sodesm Property Limited for the year ended 31 December 2004 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 15. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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 United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and 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 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 for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

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 the company's affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2004

		2004	2003
	Note	£	£
Turnover	2	300,842	301,788
Administrative expenses		(249,345)	(273,660)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	51,497	28,128
Profit on disposal of fixed asset		-	265,225
Interest receivable and similar income		764	726
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(8)	(40,179)
		756	225,772
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
BEFORE TAXATION		52,253	253,900
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(30,832)	(34,988)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		21,421	218,912
Accumulated losses brought forward		(1,534,845)	(1,753,757)
Accumulated losses carried forward		(1,513,424)	(1,534,845)
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All activities derive from continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current financial year and the preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been prepared.

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 €	2003 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	2,999,025	
Investments	8	797,743	797,743
		3,796,768	3,867,840
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9		
Due within one year		21,137	47,560
Due in more than one year		2,804,295	2,397,426
Cash at bank and in hand		20,222	9,535
		2,845,654	2,454,521
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within			
one year	10	606,410	307,207
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,239,244	2,147,314
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,036,012	6,015,154
CREDITORS; amounts falling due after			
more than one year	11	(7,549,434)	(7,549,434)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	6		(563)
		(1,513,422)	(1,534,843)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	12	2	2
Profit and loss account		(1,513,424)	(1,534,845)
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS'			
DEFICIT		(1,513,422)	(1,534,843)
			

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

28/10/05.

Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Going concern

The company's ultimate parent company has undertaken to provide the company with necessary financial support and accordingly the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Long leasehold property 2% per annum Fixtures, fittings and equipment 25% per annum

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences, which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Leases

Rentals are charged to profit and loss in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover comprises revenue from provision of property and services relating to Sodesm International Limited. The turnover, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to the company's principal activity. Turnover is recognised when the economic risk and rewards are transferred to Sodesm International Limited.

INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES 3.

Neither of the directors received any emoluments in this year or the preceding financial year.

	2004	2003
	£	£
Staff costs during the year (including directors)		
Wages and salaries	25,402	32,967
Social security costs	13,759	3,774
	39,161	36,741
	No	No
Number of persons employed: Administration	2	3
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

4.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		2004	2003
		€	£
	Operating profit is after charging (crediting): Depreciation		
	Owned assets	71,072	81,778
	Rent received	(300,842)	(301,788)
	Auditors' remuneration	6,463	8,808
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2004	2003
		2004 £	2003 £
	Other interest	8	-
	Bank loans and overdrafts	<u> </u>	40,179
		<u> </u>	40,179
6.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2004 €	2003 €
	Current taxation		
	United Kingdom corporation tax as 30% (2003 - 30%)	36,887	-
	Group relief payable	- (E 102)	40,554
	Adjustment in respect of previous periods	(5,492)	
	Total current tax	31,395	40,554
	Deferred taxation		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	(563)	(5,566)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	30,832	34,988

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

The standard rate of tax for the year, based on the UK standard rate of corporation tax is 30% (2003 - 30%). The actual tax charge for the current and the previous year differs from the standard tax rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	52,253	253,900
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at standard rate	15,676	76,170
Factors affecting charge for the year:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	30	24,533
Capital allowances in deficit (excess) of depreciation	21,181	(187)
Utilisation of tax losses	-	(9,000)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(5,492)	_
Profit on disposal of ineligible assets	-	(79,568)
Chargeable gain		28,606
Total actual amount of current tax	31,395	40,554
Deferred taxation		£
As at 1 January 2004		563
Credited for the year		(563)
As at 31 December 2004		

The amounts of deferred tax provided in the financial statements and potential amounts not provided are as follows:

	Provided		Unprovide					
	2004 2003		2004 2003 2004		2004 200	2004 2003 2004		2003 2004 2003
	£	£	£	£				
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	-	563	-	-				

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Long leasehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
	Cost At 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004	3,549,222	794,324	4,343,546
	At 1 Validary 2004 and 31 December 2004			
	Accumulated depreciation			
	At 1 January 2004	479,213	794,236	1,273,449
	Charge in year	70,984	88	71,072
	At 31 December 2004	550,197	794,324	1,344,521
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2004	2,999,025		2,999,025
	At 31 December 2003	3,070,009	88	3,070,097
8.	INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS			
				Antiques £
	Cost At 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004			875,600
	Provision for impairment in value At 1 January 2004 and 31 December 2004			77,857
	Net book value			
	At 31 December 2004			797,743
	At 31 December 2003			797,743
9.	DEBTORS			
			2004	2003
			£	£
	Due within one year:			
	Share capital unpaid		2	2
	Other debtors		15,994	42,006
	Prepayments and accrued income		5,141	5,552
			21,137	47,560
	Due in more than one year:			
	Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries		2,804,295	2,397,426
	Amounts due from fellow subsidiaries have no set repayment te	erms and are not in	iterest bearing.	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

10.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YE.	AR
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	2004	2003
	£	£
Amounts owed to parent undertaking	539,493	239,565
Corporation tax payable	36,887	40,554
Other taxes and social security	1,769	-
Accruals and deferred income	28,261	27,088
	606,410	307,207

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

2004	2003
€	£
Amounts owed to parent undertaking 7,549,434	7,549,434

This amount falls due after more than five years.

Amounts due to the parent undertaking are unsecured and non interest bearing.

12. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2004 £	2003
Authorised:	~	€
100 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
		
Called up, allotted and not paid:		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2004

13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit attributable to the company Opening shareholders' funds	21,421 (1,534,843)	218,912 (1,753,755)
Closing shareholders' funds	(1,513,422)	(1,534,843)

14. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

In the opinion of the directors, the immediate and ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party is Power Corporation of Canada, a company incorporated in Canada.

Group accounts are available from 751 Victoria Square, Montreal H2Y 2J3, Canada.

15. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under section 3 (c) of FRS 8 (Related Party Transactions) not to disclose details of transactions with fellow group companies.

Mr P G Desmarais is a director of the parent company, Power Corporation of Canada. Mr P G Desmarais has used the property in previous years for his own personal use. Mr P G Desmarais has not used the property during 2004 though Sodesm Property Limited charged Mr P G Desmarais £26,012 in respect of his occupation of the property during 2003. At 31 December 2004 the amount due from Mr P G Desmarais was £15,994 (2003 - £42,006).

Anthony K Thompson, a director of the company, is a partner in Withers LLP, a firm of lawyers. During the year, Withers LLP charged Sodesm Property Limited £43,875 (2003 - £46,312) for management services. At 31 December 2004, the amount due to Withers LLP was £12,431 (2003 - £6,350)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The additional information which comprise the trading profit and loss account and related notes 1 to 5 has been prepared from the accounting records of the company. While it does not form part of the statutory financial statements, it should be read in conjunction with them and the auditors' report thereon.

TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 €	2003 £
INCOME		300,842	301,788
LESS OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Office	1	39,887	36,741
Establishment	2	141,788	(106,194)
General	3	67,670	77,888
Financial	4	8	40,179
		249,353	48,614
NET TRADING PROFIT FOR THE YEAR		51,489	253,174
ADD OTHER INCOME			
Interest receivable and similar income	5	764	726
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		52,253	253,900

NOTES TO THE TRADING PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2004

		2004 £	2003 £
1.	OFFICE EXPENSES	&	↔
	Staff costs: Wages and salaries Employer's national insurance	25,402 14,485	32,967 3,774
		39,887	36,741
2.	ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		
	Repairs and servicing Rates and insurance Depreciation on premises Depreciation on furniture and fittings Light and heat Telephone Profit on disposal of fixed assets	50,776 18,027 70,984 88 778 1,135	61,300 15,953 81,406 372 (265,225) (106,194)
3.	GENERAL EXPENSES		
	Management charges Audit and accountancy - PWC Audit, taxation and consultancy - Deloitte Bank charges Sundry expenses	43,875 7,050 16,314 309 122 67,670	46,312 14,418 14,784 371 2,003 77,888
4.	FINANCIAL EXPENSES		
	Interest payable Bank overdraft Other interest	8	40,179
5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		 _
	Bank interest	764 ————	726