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Copap Holdings (UK) Limited

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**Group Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended 31 December 2004

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### Copap Holdings (UK) Limited

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#### Directors' report

The directors submit their report and the group financial statements of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### Principal activities

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The group primarily trades paper and pulp products worldwide, with agents and offices in Europe and North America. It also holds a few real estate investments.

#### Results and dividends

The group retained a profit for the year of £999,220 (2003: £43,232) after the directors recommended the payment of ordinary dividends from reserves during the year of £nil (2003: £313,508). The balance of the profit and loss account has been transferred to reserves.

#### Review of the business

The directors consider the business activities during the year and its position at the year end to be satisfactory and are confident that the future prospects for the group are good.

#### **Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2004:

GRJ Davis PA Wallis

Neither of the directors had any interest in the share capital of the company during the year.

#### Creditors payment policy

The group's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay suppliers in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

#### Copap Holdings (UK) Limited

#### Directors' report (continued)

#### Directors' responsibilities

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 and of the group, and of the profit or loss of the group 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a 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 group, 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 group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Auditors

MRI Moores Rowland LLP, a United Kingdom representative of Moores Rowland International, have expressed their willingness to remain in office and, in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

For and on behalf of the board

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P A Wallis - Director

Date: 1/12/05

#### Independent report of the auditors to the shareholders of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited on pages 5 to 27 for the year ended 31 December 2004 which comprise the group profit and loss account, the group statement of total recognised gains and losses, the group balance sheet, the company balance sheet and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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 auditor's 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 on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 and other members of the group 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. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes the 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 group'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.

#### Copap Holdings (UK) Limited

#### Independent report of the auditors to the shareholders of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited (continued)

#### Qualified opinion relating from disagreement about the reporting of turnover

As explained in note 2, the group reports turnover such that it includes 100% of the turnover of the associate, less the element relating to sales made to the group, along with that of the group, less the element relating to sales made to the associate, on the face of the profit and loss account. This basis of reporting turnover is not in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 9 "Associates, joint ventures and other joint arrangements" which provides for the group to report only its 30% (2003: 25%) share of the turnover of the associate. The turnover reported over and above its share of the turnover of the associate is £73,356,629 (2003: £76,755,470).

The reporting of the turnover by the group has no impact on the rest of the profit and loss account.

In our opinion, except for the disagreement in respect of the reporting of turnover, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group and company's affairs at 31 December 2004 and of the group's profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 3 Sheldon Square London

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Date: \ (2) \

# Group profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Turnover: group and associate	2	199,806,872	201,390,194
Adjustments to turnover Less: turnover of associate Add: turnover of group to associate		(139,125,323) 24,031,097	(140,106,661) 28,264,451
Group turnover Cost of sales	1(d)	84,712,646 (80,658,312)	89,547,984 (84,241,775)
Group gross profit Commissions revenue Rental income Operating expenses - non-exceptional - exceptional	4	4,054,334 835,975 18,741 (4,134,569) (26,016)	5,306,209 782,081 12,736 (4,679,021) (325,759)
Group operating profit Share of operating profit of associate Amortisation of goodwill arising on purchase of shares in associate	s 13	748,465 2,122,960 (119,337)	1,096,246 1,139,667
Total operating profit: group and share of associate	e	2,752,088	2,235,913
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	50,786 (1,104,204)	34,667 (1,259,128)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	1,698,670	1,011,452
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities - non exceptional - exceptional	8 4,8	(708,995) 9,515	(613,495) (170,048)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation  Minority interest - equity		999,190	227,909 128,831
Profit for the year attributable to the members of		999,220	356,740
the group Dividends	10		(313,508)
Retained profit for the year	23	999,220	43,232

The results for the year are all derived from the group's continuing activities.

# Group statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the year		990,220	356,740
Exchange differences on retranslation of net assets of subsidiary undertakings	24	16,468	49,340
Total gains and losses recognised during the year		1,006,688	406,080

## Group balance sheet as at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible	11	595,567	596,851
Investment in associated undertaking	13	2,809,102	1,214,084
Investment – other	14	39,006	39,006
		3,443,675	1,849,941
Current assets	1.5	9.275.256	9 640 900
Stock	15	8,275,256	8,649,809
Debtors	16	5,884,558	6,530,959
Investments	17	550,994	550,715
Cash at bank and in hand		8,074,183	6,298,919
		22,784,991	22,030,402
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(20,165,727)	(15,505,442)
Net current assets		2,619,264	6,524,960
Total assets less current liabilities		6,062,939	8,374,901
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(2,107,624)	(5,411,473)
Net assets before minority interest		3,955,315	2,963,428
Minority interest			1.6
Equity interest	20	46	16
Non-equity interest	21	(307,688)	(331,459)
		3,647,673	2,631,985
Capital and reserves	22	301,000	301,000
Share capital Profit and loss account	23	3,346,673	2,330,985
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Shareholders' funds - equity	24	3,647,673	2,631,985

Approved by the Board on 1/12/05

P A Wallis - Director

## Company balance sheet as at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Fixed assets			
Investments in group undertakings	12	1,091,076	951,663
Investment in associated undertaking	13	775,152	170,367
Investment - other	14	39,006	39,006
		1,905,234	1,161,036
Current assets			
Debtors	16	51,262	57,603
Cash at bank and in hand		8,458	8,675
		59,720	66,278
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(1,213,234)	(232,213)
Net current liabilities		(1,153,514)	(165,935)
Total assets less current liabilities		751,720	995,101
Capital and reserves	22	301,000	301,000
Called up share capital	22 23	450,720	694,101
Profit and loss account	23	450,720	054,101
Shareholders' funds - equity	24	751,720	995,101

Approved by the Board on 1/12/05

P A Wallis - Director

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### (a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

#### (b) Consolidation basis

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited and its subsidiary undertakings to 31 December 2004. The group uses the acquisition method of accounting to consolidate the results of its subsidiary undertakings worldwide. The results of the subsidiaries acquired and sold are included in the profit and loss account up to or from the date control passes. Intra group sales and profits are eliminated on consolidation.

Associates are those companies in which the group has a significant influence but no control. Associates are accounted for using the equity method, whereby the investment is initially recorded at cost and thereafter is adjusted for the post-acquisition change in the investors share of net assets. The profit and loss account reflects the investor's share of the results of operations of the associate.

No profit and loss account is presented for Copap Holdings (UK) Limited per section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### (c) Goodwill

Purchased goodwill arising on acquisition is capitalised, classified as an asset in the balance sheet and amortised over its estimated useful life up to a maximum of 3 years. This length of time is presumed to be the maximum useful life of the purchased goodwill because it is difficult to make projections beyond this period. Goodwill is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following each acquisition, and subsequently as and when circumstances arise that indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

#### (d) Turnover

Turnover represents sales of paper and pulp products worldwide upon transfer of property or title thereto, usually at the time of shipment. It is stated net of any value added tax and any other sales tax and trade discounts.

The turnover of the group is that of Copap Holdings (UK) Limited and its subsidiary undertakings, after subtracting amounts relating to sales made by one group company to another.

#### (e) Commissions

The group earns commissions from the trade of paper and pulp products worldwide.

#### 1. **Accounting policies** (continued)

#### (f) Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

#### (g) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised on all timing differences where transactions or events that give the group an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred taxation assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred taxation is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### (h) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives:

Buildings - 20 years
Leasehold improvements - 5 years
Fixtures and fittings - 3 to 5 years
Office equipment - 3 to 7 years
Motor vehicles - 4 years

#### (i) <u>Investments</u>

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less any provision for permanent diminution in value. Investments held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### (i) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted at the monthly average rate of exchange for the year, except where the transaction is to be settled at a contracted rate in which case the contracted rate of exchange is used.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All gains and losses are taken to the profit and loss account.

The accounts of the subsidiary undertakings are converted at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange gains and losses arising on the retranslation of opening net assets are taken directly to reserves.

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### (k) Stock

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of stock is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

#### (l) Cashflow

Under FRS1 (revised), the group is exempt from producing a cashflow statement since it is a 100% subsidiary of a company, Copap Participations Limited, that produces consolidated accounts. These accounts are available to the public from 9 Myrtle Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 1ED.

#### 2. Turnover

In the opinion of the directors, the disclosure of turnover by class of business and geographical market would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the group.

The turnover of the group and the associate comprises that of the group, after adjusting for sales made to the associate, and 100% of the turnover of the associate, after adjusting for sales made to the group.

In order to arrive at the turnover of the group, as reported in accordance with Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom (see note 1(d) for details regarding these reporting requirements), adjustments have therefore been made to reverse out the turnover relating to the associate and to add back the turnover relating to the group.

3.	Profit on	ordinary	activities	before	taxation
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From on ordinary activities before taxavior	2004 £	2003 £
The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Amortisation of goodwill	119,337	-
Depreciation	64,434	59,716
Operating lease rentals		
- plant and machinery	19,085	25,634
- other	150,003	124,854
Auditors' remuneration		
- audit fee	5,700	-
- fee for non-audit services	30,219	34,450
Exchange difference on foreign currency borrowings	204,928	(52,638)

#### 4. Exceptional item

On 10 May 2004, Oliver Toutin, the former director of one of the group's subsidiary undertakings, Latitude Paper and Board SAS, was found guilty by the "11eme Chambre Correctionelle du Tribunal de Grande Instance de Paris" of, in past years, having misused company property and having committed forgery, and was sentenced to a suspended prison term of 10 months and ordered to pay damages. The 2003 exceptional item relates to costs incurred and provisions made by the group during the year in relation to the removal of Oliver Toutin as a director in 2003, including those in preparing a number of cases against him, an agent, a consultant and a supplier suspected of collusion or conspiracy.

A provision was also made in 2003 for the consideration likely to be payable for the acquisition on 24 November 2003, by Copap Holdings (UK) Limited, of his 25.05% shareholding in Latitude Paper and Board SAS.

The exceptional item in 2004 of £26,016 relates to an under-provision in 2003 of the costs associated with the removal of Oliver Toutin as a director of Latitude Paper and Board SAS.

#### 5. Interest receivable and similar income

		2004 £	2003 £
	Bank interest	34,649	26,451
	Share of associate's interest receivable	16,137	8,216
		50,786	34,667
6.	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	O 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	163,239	342,433
	On amounts owed to the parent undertaking On amounts owed to the associated undertaking	-	70,775
		465,561	541,396
	Bank interest Share of associate's interest payable	475,404	304,524
		1,104,204	1,259,128

#### 7. Staff costs

	2004 £	2003 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	1,125,227 199,360	1,286,909 226,381
	1,324,587	1,513,290

The average monthly number of persons, including directors, employed by the group during the year was:

	2004 No.	2003 No.
General management and sales	25	23

#### **Directors' emoluments**

Neither of the directors received any remuneration.

8.	Taxation on	profit on	ordinary	activities
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(a) Analysis of tax charge for the year	2004 €	2003 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax on the profit for the year	-	-
Foreign tax		
Current tax on profit for the year Adjustments in respect of prior years Share of associate's tax charge	108,206 (5,742) 588,468	598,950 (82,929) 301,586
Total current tax	690,932	817,607
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	8,548	(34,064)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	699,480	783,543
(b) Factors affecting tax charge for the year	2004	2003
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	£ 1,698,670	£ 1,011,452
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2003: 30%)	509,601	303,436
Effects of:		
Different tax rates on overseas earnings Adjustments in respect of prior years	187,073 (5,742)	597,100 (82,929)
Current tax for the year	690,932	817,607 ————

#### 9. (Loss)/profit of the parent company

The parent company's loss (2003: profit) for the year before the payment of dividends was £243,381 (2003: £162,305).

10.	Dividends	2004 £	2003 £
	Ordinary dividends:		
	Interim dividend paid of £nil (2003: £1.042) per share	-	313,508

# 11. Tangible fixed assets Group

&	Land buildings	Leasehold improvements	Fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost: At 1 January 2004	515,495	202,352	378,219	117,286	19,063	1,232,415
Foreign exchange profit				(= 41.5)	1.0	(42.217)
(loss) on retranslation	262	(14,511)	(25,568)	(3,410)	10	(43,217)
Additions	-	12,077	35,053	20,607	-	67,737
Disposals	-	-	-	(3,379)	-	(3,379)
At 31 December 2004	515,757	199,918	387,704	131,104	19,073	1,253,556
Accumulated depreciati	on: 21,471	187,452	351,575	74,419	647	635,564
At 1 January 2004		107,432	231,373	, .,		,
Foreign exchange profit	10	(13,442)	(25,154)	(1,985)	2	(40,569)
(loss) on retranslation	28,643	4,745	9,713	17,518	3,815	64,434
Charge for the year Disposals	20,043		-	(1,440)	- ,	(1,440)
At 31 December 2004	50,124	178,755	336,134	88,512	4,464	657,989
Net book value:						
At 31 December 2004	465,633	21,163	51,570	42,592	14,609	595,567
At 31 December 2003	494,024	14,900	26,644	42,867	18,416	596,851

#### 12. Fixed asset investments – group undertakings

Fixed asset investments – group undertakings	Company		
	2004	2003	
	£	£	
Shares in subsidiary undertakings	1,091,076	951,663	
		Shares in subsidiary undertakings	
Cost:		951,663	
At 1 January 2004		1,145,121	
Additions		(889,250)	
Disposals		(889,230)	
At 31 December 2004		1,207,534	
Provision for diminution in value:			
At 1 January 2004		116,458	
Provision made in the year			
At 31 December 2004		116,458	
Net book value: At 31 December 2004		1,091,076	
AL ST December 2004		<del></del>	
At 31 December 2003		951,663	

During year ended 31 December 2004, a provision for diminution in value was made against the cost of the investment in Latitude Paper and Board SAS as, in the directors' opinion, its fair value is now less than its original cost.

Additional information on the subsidiary undertakings:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held	Nature of business
C.E.P.A.P. S.A.R.L.	France	Ordinary Ordinary	100% 100% *	Paper and pulp Paper and pulp
Cepap Espana S.A. Latitude Paper and	Spain France	Ordinary	100%	Paper and pulp
Board S.A.S. Latitude Paper and Board (UK) Limited	UK	Ordinary	100% *	Paper and pulp
Copap Trading Inc.	Canada	Ordinary Class D preference	100%	Holding company
Copap Inc.	Canada	Ordinary	100%*	Paper and pulp
Copap Property Holdings Limited	UK	Ordinary	100%	Holding company
SCI Bis Rue De Siam	France	Ordinary	99.9% *	Real estate

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates indirect ownership

### 13. Fixed asset investments – associated undertaking

		Group		Company
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Interests in associated undertaking	2,809,102	1,214,084	775,152	170,367
				£
Company				
Cost:				170,367
At 1 January 2004 Additions				604,785
				775 150
At 31 December 2004				775,152
			£	£
Group			æ	<b>&amp;</b>
Cost				170,367
At 1 January 2004				·
Group share of post acquisition reserved	ves:		1,043,717	
At 1 January 2004 Exchange difference			92,827	
Share of retained profits for the year	ar		1,075,225	
Share of net assets acquired			257,129	
Unrealised profit			(58,482)	
				2,410,416
Share of net assets				2,580,783
Goodwill arising on acquisition, less	amortisation			228,319
Net investment in associated underta	aking			2,809,102
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On 20 February 2004, Copap Holo	dings (UK) L	imited purchase	ed a further 5%	of the share
capital of European Paper Trading S	A ("Valpaco"	) for eash consider	deration of EUR	£ 875,000:
				257,129
Net assets acquired Goodwill				347,656
				604,785
Catinfied her each				604,785
Satisfied by cash				

### 13. Fixed asset investments - associated undertaking (continued)

Goodwill

	£
Cost: At 1 January 2004 Additions	347,656
At 31 December 2004	347,656
Amortisation: At 1 January 2004 Charge for the year At 31 December 2004	119,337
Net book value: At 31 December 2004	228,319
At 31 December 2003	

Additional information on the associated undertaking:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held	Nature of business
European Paper Trading SA ("Valpaco")	France	Ordinary	30%	Paper and pulp

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## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004

### 13. Fixed asset investments – associated undertaking (continued)

Additional disclosures required for the associated undertaking:

The group's share of the associated undertaking, European Paper Trading S.A. and its subsidiary undertakings is as follows:

		2004		2003
	£	£	£	£
Share of turnover		41,737,597		35,074,004
Share of profit before tax Share of taxation	1,663,693 (588,468)	_	843,358 (301,586)	
Share of profit after tax		1,075,225		541,772
Share of assets: Fixed assets Current assets	67,765 17,879,185	17,946,950	55,359 12,073,511	12,128,870
Share of liabilities: Due within one year	(15,366,167)	(15,366,167)	(10,914,786)	(10,914,786)
Share of net assets		2,580,783		1,214,084

#### 14. Fixed asset investments - other

Fixed asset investments - other	Group and Company		
	2004 £	2003 £	
Other significant holdings	39,006	39,006	
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Additional information on other significant holdings:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares held	Percentage of shares held	Nature of business
COAP Promociones Inversiones S.L.	Spain	Ordinary	25.075%	Property

This investment is not accounted for as an associated undertaking, despite the shareholding being in excess of 20%, since the Group does not have a significant influence over the operating and financial policies of the company.

15.	. Stock			Group		
	2			2004 £	2003 £	
	Paper and pulp for resale			8,275,256	8,649,809	
16.	Debtors		Group	C	ompany	
	Amounts due within one year:	2004 £	2003 £	2004 £	2003 £	
	Trade debtors	18,681,368	14,804,335	-	-	
	Less: sale proceeds	(14,935,994)	(12,196,228)			
		3,745,374	2,608,107	-	-	
	Amounts due by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	606	6,962	
	Amounts due by fellow subsidiary undertakings	125,602	117,031	-	-	
	Amounts due by associated undertakings	1,753,506	3,383,659	-	- -	
	Other debtors	50,657	72,391	50,656	50,641	
	Prepayments and accrued income	97,189	80,920	-	-	
	Corporation tax	59,595	220,025	-	-	
	Deferred tax asset	25,516	34,064	-	_	
		5,857,439	6,516,197	51,262	57,603	

During the year the group factored certain debts. The group sold these debts under the terms of the factoring arrangement for cash. Interest on the factored debts was calculated on the daily balance on the account at a rate of 3% as at 31 December 2004.

Under the terms of the factoring arrangement, the factoring company supports any losses arising on up to 90% of the value of the assigned debt, being equal to the amount that they advance to the company. The company itself suffers any losses arising from non-payment by the debtor in respect of the remaining 10% of the value of the debt.

The deferred tax asset relates to accelerated capital allowances.

Amounts due in more than one year:

Amounts due in more than one year.		Group
	2004 £	2003 £
Other debtors	27,119	14,762

#### 17. Current asset investments

	Group	
	2004 £	2003 £
Amounts held on deposit 5.	50,994	550,715

This bank deposit represents security for a bank loan taken out by a group company (see note 19 for further details).

### 18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans	1,413,126	1,345,169	-	-
Trade creditors	16,035,749	13,528,838	-	-
Amounts due to parent undertaking	2,109,827	412,416	1,080,995	84,033
Amounts due to fellow subsidiary undertakings	506,401	-	2,644	-
Amounts due to subsidiary undertaki	ngs -	-	81,431	115,074
Corporation tax	5,735	170,399	-	-
Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	40,272	23,194	27,254	23,194
	54,617	25,426	20,910	9,912
	20,165,727	15,505,442	1,213,234	232,213
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#### 19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		
	2004	2003	
	£	£	
Bank loan	529,802	529,533	
Amount due to parent undertaking Amount due to fellow subsidiary undertaking	-	4,881,940	
	1,577,822	-	
	2 107 624	5 411 472	
	2,107,624	5,411,473	

A bank loan of £529,802 (2003: £529,533), which bears interest at a rate of 3.17% (2003: 3.13%) and is due for repayment on 13 May 2008, is secured by a cash deposit of £550,994 (see note 17). The amount due to the fellow subsidiary undertaking bears interest at a rate of 10% and is due for repayment on 1 January 2006.

#### 20. Minority interest - Equity

The minority interest relates to the 0.1% of the ordinary shares of SCI Bis Rue De Siam held outside the Group.

#### 21. Minority interest - Non equity

Included in the share capital of Copap Trading Inc are 10,000 Class B preference shares which are non-voting, non-cumulative and which are redeemable at US\$58.95 each. The holder of these shares has no rights against any other Group company.

The movement in value is due to the movement in the exchange rate of US\$ to £ during the year.

#### 22. Called up share capital

	2004 £	2003 £
Authorised 349,000 ordinary shares of £1 each 1,000 6% non cumulative redeemable preference shares	349,000 1,000	349,000 1,000
of £1 each	350,000	350,000
	2004 £	2003 £
Allotted, issued and fully paid 301,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	301,000	301,000

#### 23. Profit and loss reserve

	Group £	Company £
1 January 2004	2,330,985	694,101
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	999,220	(243,381)
Exchange differences on retranslation of net assets of subsidiary undertakings	16,468	-
31 December 2004	3,346,673	450,720

### 24. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	Group		Company	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Profit/(loss) for the year	999,220	356,740	(243,381)	162,305
Dividends	-	(313,508)	-	(313,508)
	999,220	43,232	(243,381)	(151,203)
Other recognised gains and losses in the year	16,468	49,340	-	-
Net addition to/(depletion in) shareholders' funds	1,015,688	92,572	(243,381)	(151,203)
Opening shareholders' funds	2,631,985	2,539,413	995,101	1,146,304
Closing shareholders' funds	3,647,673	2,631,985	751,720	995,101
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#### 25. Related party transactions

During the year, the group entered into the following transactions at fair value with related parties:

	Sales P	urchases	_	Other revenue/ (expense)	Amounts owed by	Amounts owed to
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Year to 31 December 2004						
European Paper Trading SA ("Valpaco") 2	4,031,097	-	-	-	1,753,506	
Barber S.A.R.L. Brockmoor Trading Limited C.E.P.A.P. S.A.R.L. Copap Inc. SA Copap Participations Limited	657,780 1,400,411 40,350		•		125,602	2,076,608 2,644 4,971 2,109,827 4,194,050
Year to 31 December 2003						
European Paper Trading SA ("Valpaco")	28,264,451	(189,355	)	- (70,775)	3,383,659	-
Copap International Limited Copap Chile SA Copap Inc. SA Copap Participations Limited	67,052	(151,453 : - -	(428,422	- 7,337  - (342,433)	76,062 11,877 29,092	-
					117,031	(5,294,356)

European Paper Trading SA ("Valpaco") is an associated undertaking.

Barber S.A.R.L., Brockmoor Trading Limited, C.E.P.A.P. S.A.R.L., and Copap Inc S.A. are parties under common control.

Copap Participations Limited is the parent company.

The amounts owed by Valpaco all arise from trading activities.

#### 26. Financial instruments

#### a. Credit facilities

The group extended or renewed credit facilities of approximately £32,074,430 (2003: £26,601,642) subject to a number of covenants with several banks in Europe, and North and South Americas during 2004:

- £22,621,298 is available to sell 100% of credit-insured debtors of up to 180 days. At 31 December 2004, the group sold credit-insured debtors of £14,935,994. The group applied the proceeds thereof against debtors. Concomitantly, the banks hold a recourse against the insurer for credit insurance of 90% and the group for the residual 10% upon default in the event of non payment. The company has guaranteed up to £6,481,711 of the advances made to the group by the banks;
- £2,167,805 of the £22,621,298 under (i) is available as overdraft advances or to issue letters of credit or guarantee, subject to collateral on deposit with the banks ranging from 20% to 100% thereof. At 31 December 2004, the group issued letters of credit for £254,933 and guarantee for £317,689;
- £1,300,683 of the £2,167,805 under (ii) and £22,621,298 under (i) is available to finance inventories subject to a first rank pledge thereon. At 31 December 2004, the group financed inventories for £1,687,098; and
- iv) £5,177,356 is available to the group and was used in part to hedge foreign currency risks (note 26.b).

Under the foregoing credit facilities, the group assigned cash and cash equivalents of £871,578 as collateral to the banks. The banks hold covenants and guarantees, such as an undertaking by a group company to maintain an effective equity or working capital ratio in addition to the assignment or benefit of credit and marine insurance policies.

The group also renewed a credit facility of £2,167,805 as part of £22,621,298 under (i) with another bank to sell 100% (of accepted documents or drafts) or finance 80% of credit-insured debtors of up to 120 or 150 days, and to issue letters of credit or guarantee subject to collateral on deposit with the bank ranging from 50% to 100% thereof. Again, the group may also hedge foreign currency risks.

The group in this case assigned cash and cash equivalents of £65,244 as collateral to the bank. Furthermore, the bank holds other covenants and guarantees, in addition to the assignment or benefit of credit and marine insurance policies.

A loan of £276,529 on a building is available to the group. A group company assigned cash and cash equivalents of £287,590 in favour of a bank as collateral or security.

#### 26. Financial instruments (continued)

#### b. Foreign currencies

The group hedges its multi-currency operations and transactions by way of forward exchange contracts. At 31 December 2004, there was an unrealised loss of US\$ 293,606 (2003: US\$ 39,616) which is offset by an unrealised gain (2003: gain) for the same amount on the underlying financial instrument for terms ranging from January to March 2004 at the various rates as follows: -

		31.12.04 Value US\$	Contract Value US\$	Unrealised loss US\$	
<b>Currency</b> Euro	EUR	4,810,000	6,509,806	6,216,200	(293,606)

#### 27. Other financial commitments

At 31 December 2004, the group was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 31 December 2004:

	Land and building		Other	
	2004 £	2003 £	2004 £	2003 £
Within 1 year Within 2 to 5 years	52,980 514,464 567,444	58,700 183,398 242,098	63,576 63,576	23,480

The company had no such financial commitments.

#### 28. Parent company

The immediate and ultimate parent company is Copap Participations Limited, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man.

Copies of the group accounts for Copap Participations Limited are available to the public from 9 Myrtle Street, Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 1ED.

#### 29. Control

The directors consider the ultimate controlling party to be Chiltern Trust Company (Jersey) Limited as the trustees of the Guaruja Settlement, a trust registered in Jersey.