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# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002 FOR PORTLAND CERAMICS LIMITED

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# COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

**DIRECTORS:** 

Mr C Brooks Mr J M Prentice Mr P Douty

SECRETARY:

S Fennell

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

1 Thane Road West

Nottingham NG2 3AA

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

3487609 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Hanley & Co

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 18 Church Street Ashton under Lyne

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2002.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of a dental laboratory.

#### REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

#### DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 March 2002.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The details of directors in office on 31st March 2002 are shown on page 1. There have been the following changes to the board of directors during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements:-

AppointmentsDateC R Grimsdell13th September 2002N A Usher2nd August 2002

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ResignationsDateC Brooks13th September 2002P S Douty2nd August 2002

#### REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDING

Details of the remuneration and shareholdings of the directors are included in notes 21 and 22 on pages 13 to 15.

## STATEMENT OF 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 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.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S Fennell - SECRETARY

Dated: 28 Sinuny 2003

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF PORTLAND CERAMICS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Portland Ceramics Limited for the year ended 31 March 2002 on pages four to sixteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of 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 Report of the Directors 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 Report of the Directors 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 the company's affairs as at 31 March 2002 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Hanley & Co

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 18 Church Street Ashton under Lyne

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Dated: 29 1 203

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

		2002	2001
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER		1,325,750	1,075,594
Cost of sales		(827,005)	(544,090)
GROSS PROFIT		498,745	531,504
Administrative expenses		(525,126)	(239,416)
		(26,381)	292,088
Other operating income		20,215	9,789
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(6,166)	301,877
Diminution of buildings	4	(51,250)	
		(57,416)	301,877
Interest receivable and similar income		_	174
		(57,416)	302,051
Interest payable and		(37,110)	302,031
similar charges	5	(5,679)	(8,594)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY A BEFORE TAXATION	ACTIVITIES	(63,095)	293,457
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	6	(13,291)	(103,642)
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINAN AFTER TAXATION	ICIAL YEAR	(76,386)	189,815
Dividends	7	<del>-</del> _	(137,500)
		(76,386)	52,315
Retained profit brought forward		100,462	48,147
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED F	ORWARD	£24,076	£100,462

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

## TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the current year and the profit for the previous year.

# BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2002

		2002	2001
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:			
Intangible assets	8	18,000	21,000
Tangible assets	9	471,209	182,696
		489,209	203,696
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Stocks	10	36,574	15,000
Debtors	11	137,100	170,713
Cash at bank and in hand		163,969	4,088
CREDITORS: Amounts falling		337,643	189,801
due within one year	12	(182,890)	(224,582)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABIL	ITIES):	154,753	(34,781)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:	ŗ	643,962	168,915
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	(615,274)	(61,079)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES:	16	(4,512)	(7,274)
		£24, <u>176</u>	£100,562
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	17	100 24,076	100 100,462
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:	20	£24,176	£100,562

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

DIRECTOR 5 M Prenti

DIRECTOR (. Grimsold

Approved by the Board on 28 January 2003.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 1998, is being written off evenly over its estimated useful life of 10 years.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Plant and machinery - 20% reducing balance basis.

Fixtures and fittings - 20% reducing balance basis.

Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance basis.

Buildings - 1% straight line basis.

#### Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

#### 2. STAFF COSTS

	2002	2001
	£	£
Wages and salaries	750,659	308,799
Social security costs		_26,540
	750,659	335,339
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:		
	2002	2001
	40	<u>22</u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

# 3. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

The operating loss (2001 - operating profit) is stated after charging:

	The operating loss (2001 - operating profit) is stated after charging.		
		2002 £	2001 £
	Hire of plant and machinery	21,890	21,756
	Depreciation - owned assets	76,423	13,943
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	2,800	-
	Goodwill written off	3,000	3,000
		<del></del>	<del></del>
	Directors' emoluments		33,800
4.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
	Permanent diminution in value of buildings sold after the year end for less than cost.		
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
٥.	HITEHAST INTEREST IN DEFINAL CARRIED	2002	2001
		£	£
	Bank loan interest	2,514	6,637
	Hire purchase	3,165	<u>1,957</u>
		<u>5,679</u>	<u>8,594</u>
6.	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax (credit)/charge The tax (credit)/charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows		
	The tax (credit) charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was as follows	2002	2001
		£	£
	Current tax:		
	UK corporation tax	(13,417)	96,368
	Prior years adjustment	29,470	-
	Total current tax	16,053	96,368
		======	=====
	Deferred tax:		
	Deferred taxation	(2,762)	7,274
	Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	13,291	103,642

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

# TAXATION (continued)

Factors	affecting t	he tax t	(credit).	charge
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The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

		2002 £	2001 £
	(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(63,095) =====	293,457 ======
	(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities		
	multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
	in the UK of 30% (2001 – 30%)	(18,929)	88,037
	Effects of:		
	Expenses not deductable for tax purposes	2,750	7,355
	Depreciation for period in excess of capital allowances	2,762	976
	Prior years adjustment	29,470	-
	Current tax (credit)/charge	16,053	96,368
		======	=====
7.	DIVIDENDS		
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Equity shares:		
	Ordinary interim - paid		137,500

## 8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill
	£
COST:	
At 1 April 2001	
and 31 March 2002	30,000
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AMORTISATION:	
At 1 April 2001	9,000
Charge for year	3,000
A. 21 March 2002	12.000
At 31 March 2002	12,000
NET BOOK VALUE:	
At 31 March 2002	18,000
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At 31 March 2001	21,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

# 9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property	Buildings	Plant and machinery
	£	£	£
COST: At 1 April 2001 Additions	1,500	130,000	72,038 238,939
At 31 March 2002	1,500	130,000	310,977
<b>DEPRECIATION:</b> At 1 April 2001 Charge for year	- 	3,935 52,565	30,111 16,886
At 31 March 2002		56,500	46,997
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 March 2002	1,500	73,500	263,980
At 31 March 2001		126,065	41,927
	Fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Totals
	£		£
COST: At 1 April 2001 Additions Disposals	12,732 116,307	£ 15,090 15,490 (15,090)	231,360 370,736 (15,090)
At 31 March 2002	129,039	15,490	587,006
DEPRECIATION: At 1 April 2001 Charge for year Eliminated on disposals	6,091 4,919	8,527 2,053 (9,290)	48,664 76,423 (9,290)
At 31 March 2002	11,010	1,290	115,797
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 March 2002	118,029	14,200	471,209
At 31 March 2001	<u>6,641</u>	6,563	182,696

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

10.	STOCKS	2002	2001
	Stock & work in progress	£ 36,574	£ 15,000
11.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	DUE WITHIN ONE TEAK	2002 £	2001 £
	Trade debtors Prepayments	121,825 	155,438 15,275
		137,100	170,713
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	DUE WITHIN ONE TEAR	2002 £	2001 £
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 15) Trade creditors Directors current accounts Social security & other taxes Taxation	1,819 140,071 - -	7,145 47,611 57,003 10,269 96,333
	Accrued expenses	41,000 182,890	6,22 <u>1</u> 224,582
		102,070	<u></u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2002	2001
		£	£
	Bank loans (see note 14) Other Creditors	- 612,091	50,838
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 15)	3,183	_10,241
		615,274	61,079
14.	LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:		
	Amounts falling due between one and two years:	2002 £	2001 £
	Bank loans	<del>-</del>	16,435
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
	Bank loans	<del>-</del>	34,403
15.	OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES		
		Hi purcl contr	nase
		2002 £	2001 £
	Gross obligations repayable: Within one year Between one and five years	1,819 3,183	7,145 10,241
		5,002	17,386
	Net obligations repayable:		
	Within one year Between one and five years	1,819 3,183	7,145 10,241
		5,002	17,386

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

# 15. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS AND LEASES – (continued)

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year:

				Land and buildings operating leases	
				2002 £	2001 £
	Expiring: In more than fiv	e years		80,000	<u>-</u>
16.	PROVISIONS	FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
				2002	2001
	Deferred taxation	on		£ 4,512	£ 7,274
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				Deferred	
				tax £	
	Balance at 1 Ap			7,274	
	Accelerated cap	pital allowances		(2,762)	
	Balance at 31 N	March 2002		4,512	
17.	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Authorised:				
	Number:	Class:	Nominal	2002	2001
	1,000	Ordinary	value: £1	£ 1,000	£ 1,000
				<del></del>	<del></del>
	Allotted and is				
	Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2002 £	2001 £
	100	Share capital 1	£1	100	100

The whole of the issued share capital of the Company, being 100 ordinary shares of £1 each, was purchased by Boots the Chemists Limited on 30 March 2001.

#### 18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's immediate holding company (which is also the immediate controlling party) is Boots the Chemists Limited and its ultimate holding company (which is also the ultimate controlling party) is The Boots Company PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The results of the company are included in the group financial statements of The Boots Company PLC. Copies of the group financial statements may be obtained from 1 Thane Road West, Nottingham, NG2 3AA. The Company is exempt from disclosing transactions with other group undertakings and investees of the group qualifying as related parties as permitted by paragraph 3 of Financial Reporting Standard 8.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

## 19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements		2002 £	2001 £			
20.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHO	2002	2001				
	(Loss)/Profit for the financial year Dividends		2002 £ (76,386)	2001 £ 189,815 (137,500)			
	Net (reduction)/addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds		(76,386) 100,562	52,315 48,247			
	Closing shareholders' funds		24,076	100,562			
	Equity interests		24,076	100,562			
21.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	2002 £000	2001 £000				
	i) Directors' emoluments for services to company	-	34.2				
	ii) Monies received from long term bonus scheme	-	-				
	<ul> <li>iii) (a) The remuneration of the highest paid director, excluding pension contributions</li> <li>(b) (i) Increase in accrued pension during the year,</li> </ul>	-	12				
	including inflation (ii) Accumulated total accrued pension at year end	-	-				
	The highest paid director did not receive or exercise any share options during the year.						
	iv) Number of directors who are members of the defined benefit pension schemes	-	3				
	v) Number of directors who had exercised options during the year (who are not directors of the ultimate holding company) -						

# 22. DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDINGS AND SHARE OPTIONS

The beneficial interests of the directors, who are not directors of the ultimate holding company, and their families, in the share capital of the ultimate holding company at 31st March 2002 are shown below. No director holds any loan capital in the ultimate holding company. The share interests of the directors of the ultimate holding company are included in those group financial statements.

# NOTES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

## 22. DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDERS AND SHARE OPTIONS (continued)

Ordinary share	s under	executive and	SAYE	options
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	Ordinary shares 2002	Ordinary shares 2001	Ordinary shares under options 2002	Average option price 2002	Exercised during the year	Exercise price	Market price at date of exercise	Granted during the year	Ordinary Shares under options 2001
P S Douty C Brooks	-	-	10,238 6,069	630.0p 594.0p	-	- -	-	10,238 6,069	-

<sup>\*</sup> At the date of appointment

The market price of the ultimate holding company's shares at 31st March 2002 was 672.5p. The range of market prices during the year was 565p to 694.5p. Prices shown for options exercised during the year represent the weighted average of prices. The average option price for 2002 represents the weighted average price for options outstanding at 31st March 2002.

Under a savings related scheme options may be granted to qualifying employees to subscribe for ordinary shares at approximately 80% of market price.

Certain directors were granted options to subscribe for ordinary shares in The Boots Company PLC under an executive share options scheme. These options become exercisable 3 years after grant if the performance target is met. Such options are exercisable up to 10 years from grant at option prices of 630p and 594p.

The table on below shows the number of shares in The Boots Company PLC (the ultimate holding company) over which certain directors have been granted conditional rights under the Long Term Bonus scheme operated by The Boots Company PLC. Under the Long Term Bonus scheme, at the end of a four year performance cycle, (three years for the schemes commenced in 2002) half the bonus earned is paid in cash and half is converted into an equivalent number of shares. The individual will normally become entitled to receive those shares only after remaining employed for a further three years for all schemes up to and including that which commenced in 1997. For schemes which commenced thereafter, the individual becomes entitled to receive those shares immediately after grant.

Ordinary shares conditional awards

	31st March Exercised during Lapsed during Granted during 31st Marc				
	2002	the year	the year	the year	2001
Long Term Bonus scheme					
P S Douty	2,933	-	-	-	2,933

# \* At date of appointment

The table below shows the number of shares in The Boots Company PLC (the ultimate holding company) that have been conditionally awarded to certain directors under The Boots Company All Employees Share Ownership Plan 2000. The employee will normally become unconditionally entitled to these shares after remaining employed for a further three years.

# NOTES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

## 22. DIRECTORS' SHAREHOLDERS AND SHARE OPTIONS (continued)

## CONDITIONAL ENTITLEMENT AWARD UNDER THE ALL EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP PLAN 2000

	31 MARCH 2002	AWARDED DURING THE YEAR	31 MARCH 2001
P S Douty	42	-	42
C Brooks	42	-	42
J M Prentice	69	-	69

<sup>\*</sup> At date of appointment

As a potential beneficiary, each director is deemed to have an interest in a total of 18,229,074 ordinary shares of the company held by the following employee trusts, namely, Boots ESOP\*\* Trust Limited (established to facilitate the operation of the company's executive bonus schemes), Boots (QUEST) Trustee Limited (established in connection with the company's UK all-employee SAYE Share Option Scheme) and Boots Share Plan Trustee Limited (established in connection with The Boots Company's All Employee Share Ownership Plan 2000).

<sup>\*\*</sup> Employee Share Ownership Plan