

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 JUNE 2002

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2002.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the group is that of worldwide oil and gas exploration.

Results and dividends

The group loss for the year after taxation amounted to £616,734 (2001: £528,109). The directors cannot recommend payment of a dividend and the balance has been transferred to reserves.

Review of the business

During the financial year and to the date of this report business operations continued with four wells being drilled offshore Mauritania during the 2002 year and plans for the 2003 drilling programme are well underway. The Company has withdrawn its interests in acreage in Malta and the Fiume Tevere permit in Italy, whilst a seismic survey is currently underway in Guyane.

Directors

The present membership of the Board is set out below:

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S Spencer

The directors had no beneficial interests in the issued share capital of the company. The directors interests in the share capital of the ultimate parent company Hardman Resources Ltd (Hardman), are shown in that company's financial statements.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

Statement of directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

Company law in the United Kingdom requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and 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 the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the group and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Creditors' payment policy and practice

The company does not have a formal policy for payment of its trade creditors. Payment is made as soon as possible after the goods or services are supplied. There were no trade creditors at the year end.

Auditors

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

On Behalf of the Board

Director

Registered office:
5 Charterhouse Square

London EC1M 6EE



REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF

PLANET OIL INTERNATIONAL PLC

We have audited the financial statements of Planet Oil International plc for the year ended 30 June 2002, which comprise the accounting policies, the consolidated profit and loss account, the balance sheets and notes 1 to 16. 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 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 the directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

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 other information contained in the directors' report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. 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 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 group and the company as at 30 June 2002 and of the loss for the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

GRANT THORNTON
REGISTERED AUDITORS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

GATWICK 3 February 2003

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The principal accounting policies of the group, which have remained unchanged from the previous year, are set out below.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The group financial statements consolidate those of the company and of its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 30 June. The results of the subsidiary undertakings acquired during the period have been included from the date of acquisition. Profits or losses on intra-group transactions are eliminated in full. On acquisition of a subsidiary, all of the subsidiary's assets and liabilities which exist at the date of acquisition are recorded at their fair values reflecting their condition at that date.

Goodwill arising on consolidation, representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair values of the identifiable net assets acquired, is capitalised and is amortised on a straight line basis over its estimated useful economic life of one year.

TURNOVER

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the group in the ordinary course of business for goods supplied as principal and for services provided.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are included at cost less amounts written off.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The financial statements of foreign subsidiaries are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange differences arising from the retranslation of the opening net investment in subsidiaries are taken directly to reserves. All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT COSTS

The group follows the "full cost" method of accounting for costs incurred in the exploration and development of oil and gas properties, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting for oil and gas exploration'.

Costs are capitalised in a single cost pool. The costs of acquisition of property (including rights and concessions) and plant and equipment are included in tangible fixed assets if they relate to proved properties. Investments made for the specific purpose of undertaking oil and gas exploration and development activities jointly with others are included in the full cost pool.

All costs associated with property acquisition, exploration and development are capitalised whether or not they result directly in commercial discoveries, subject to the limitation that capitalised costs less accumulated depletion do not exceed the estimated value of the proven and probable reserves of the group. Proceeds from the disposal of oil and gas assets are deducted from the full cost pools.

SITE RESTORATION AND DECOMMISSIONING COSTS

Provision for expenditure on site restoration and decommissioning of oil and gas production facilities is made using the unit of production method where the directors consider there is a material liability for the removal of production facilities and site restoration at the end of the producing life of a field.

DEPLETION

Capitalised costs in respect of oil and gas exploration and development are depleted on the unit of production method based upon estimates of the proven and probable reserves of the group.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
Turnover	2	-	-
Administrative expenses		(616,734)	(528,109)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(616,734)	(528,109)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	4	-	-
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation sustained for the year	5,12,13	(616,734)	(528,109)

All operations are continuing.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEETS AT 30 JUNE 2002

	Note	2002 Group £	2001 Group £	2002 Company £	2001 Company £
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	6	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	7	631,419	847,616	-	-
Investments	8	_			
		631,419	847,616		
Current assets					
Debtors	9	3,397	2,657	591	-
Cash at bank and in hand		2,052	9,176	1,827	7,077
		5,449	11,833	2,418	7,077
Creditors: amounts falling due within					
one year	10	(1,350,193)	(956,040)	(1,343,876)	(708,746)
Net current liabilities		(1,344,744)	(944,207)	(1,341,458)	(701,669)
Total assets less current liabilities		(713,325)	(96,591)	(1,341,458)	(701,669)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Share premium account	11	700,000 73,590	700,000 73,590	700,000 73,590	700,000 73,590
Profit and loss account	12	(1,486,915)	(870,181)	(2,115,048)	(1,475,259)
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Shareholders' funds	13	(713,325)	(96,591)	(1,341,458)	(701,669)

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on

) months directors

The accompanying accounting policies and notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The company meets its working capital requirements through periodic cash advanced from the parent undertaking, Hardman which had cash resources at 30 June 2002 of £18 million. The directors have prepared projected cash flow information for the period ending 30 April 2004.

On the basis of this cash flow information and Hardman's cash resources, the directors consider that the company will continue to operate within the funding available from Hardman. The parent undertaking has indicated its willingness to continue to support the operation of the company, by extending such credit a is required from time to time. The directors therefore consider that the going concern basis is appropriate.

2 TURNOVER AND LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The loss on ordinary activities is attributable to the principal activity of worldwide oil and gas exploration.

Loss on ordinary activities is stated after:

	2002 £	2001 £
Auditors' remuneration - audit services	5,000	7,000
- non audit services	-	15,000
Depreciation and depletion	574,230	293,075
Exceptional item - costs in relation to abortive add	nission	
to the Alternative Investment I	Market 15,865	249,643

3 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The only employees were the directors who received no remuneration in either year.

4 TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

There is no tax charge based on the loss for either year. The group has unrelieved tax losses of approximately £877,000 (2001: £577,000) available to carry forward against future profits of the same trade.

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30%. The differences are explained as follows:

	2002 £	2001 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(616,734)	(528,109)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the	 -	
lower rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30%	(185,020)	(158,433)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	4,120	74,894
Tax losses in overseas companies extinguished	90,900	-
Increase in tax losses to carry forward	90,000	83,539
Current tax charge for year		

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5 LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION

The company has taken advantage of Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 and has not included its own profit and loss account in these financial statements. The parent company's loss for the year was £639,789 (2001: £454,991).

6 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group

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	£
Cost	
At 1 July 2001	
At 30 June 2002	76,010
Amount written off	
At 1 July 2001	
At 30 June 2002	76,010
Net book amounts	
At 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2001	-
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	
Group	
	Gas and oil exploration £
Cost	
At 1 July 2001	1,140,691
Additions	358,033
At 30 June 2002	1,498,724
Depreciation and depletion	
At 1 July 2001	293,075
Provided in the year	574,230
At 30 June 2002	867,305
Net book amounts	
	631,419
At 30 June 2002	031,419

The oil and gas exploration relates wholly to costs which are unevaluated and not subject to depletion.

Goodwill on

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8 INVESTMENTS

Company

Shares in subsidiary undertakings At 1 July 2001 and At 30 June 2002

£

Cost

Provision

Net book amount

110,000 (110,000)

The company has the following subsidiaries, all of which are 100% owned, whose principal activity is oil and gas exploration and have share capital consisting solely of ordinary shares.

Country of incorporation

Planet Oil Limited England and Wales
Planet Oil Holdings Limited Guernsey

* Planet Oil (Mauritania) Limited Guernsey

* Planet Oil (The Gambia) Limited Guernsey

9 DEBTORS

	2002	2001	2002	2001
	Group	Group	Company	Company
Amounts falling due within one year:	T.	£	ı.	ı
Other debtors	3,397	2,657	<u> 591</u>	_

10 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2002 Group £	2001 Group £	2002 Company £	2001 Company £
Loan from parent undertaking	1,338,095	699,970	1,338,095	699,970
Accruals	6,590	255,090	5,781	8,776
Other creditors	5,508	980	-	-
	1,350,193	956,040	1,343,876	708,746

The parent undertaking has agreed not to demand payment of the amount due to it to the detriment of other creditors.

^{*} These companies are subsidiaries of Planet Oil Holdings Limited.
Planet Oil (The Gambia) Limited was subsequently struck off as a company on 30 August 2002.

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11	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2002	2001
		£	£
		_	-
	Authorised		
	250,000,000 ordinary shares of 2p each	5,000,000	5,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	700.000	500 000
	35,000,000 ordinary shares of 2p each	700,000	700,000
12	RESERVES		
		Group	Company
		Profit and loss account	Profit and loss account
		1055 account	foss account
		~	-
	At 1 July 2001	(870,181)	(1,475,259)
	Loss sustained for the year	(616,734)	(639,789)
	At 30 June 2002	(1,486,915)	(2,115,048)
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13	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHO	OLDERS' FUNDS	
		Group	Group
		2002	2001
		£	£
	Loss for the financial year	(616,734)	(528,109)
	Decrease in shareholders' funds in the year	(616,734)	(528,109)
	Shareholders' funds at 1 July	(96,591)	431,518
	Shareholders' funds at 30 June	(713,325)	(96,591)

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14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Group and company

In accordance with normal industry practice the economic entity has entered into joint ventures and farm-in agreements with other parties for the purpose of exploring and developing its petroleum interests. If a party to a joint venture defaults and does not contribute its share of joint venture obligations, then the other joint venturers are liable to meet those obligations. In this event the interest in the permit held by the defaulting party may be redistributed to the remaining joint venturers. A contingent liability exists in respect of contributions due to be paid by farm-in partners of the economic entity to some of its joint ventures.

A contingent liability exists over Area C offshore Mauritania for reimbursement of 3D seismic costs incurred for the amount of approximately £9,900 (2001: £10,600) plus interest. This is payable upon completion of farm-in terms by the farminees, which will be satisfied when the well in Area C-Block 6 is drilled during the Mauritania drilling programme.

The group had capital commitments at 30 June 2002 in respect of exploration costs of £1,613,508. (2001: £114,906).

15 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking is Hardman Resources Limited, a company registered in Australia. The financial statements for the parent undertaking which include the results of this company can be obtained from 5 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EE.

16 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

In October 2002 exploration well C-6-1 Thon was spudded in PSC Block 6 Mauritania. Planet Oil group was free carried through the drilling phase as a result of a farmin agreement made during October with Petronas Carigali of Malaysia. The revised equities are Petronas with 35%, Woodside 37.58%, Hardman Resources 18.42%, Planet Oil 4% and ROC Oil 5%. The well encountered no significant hydrocarbons, therefore it was plugged and abandoned in November 2002.