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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

FOR

CONSUMER FINANCE ACQUISITIONS COMPANY LIMITED

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COMPANY INFORMATION for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

DIRECTORS: S ATKINSON

B BERRY

SECRETARY: LINNELLS SECRETARIAL SERVICES LIMITED

REGISTERED OFFICE: GREYFRIARS COURT

PARADISE SQUARE

OXFORD OXI 1BB

REGISTERED NUMBER: 3621123 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS: OURY CLARK CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

REGISTERED AUDITORS HERSCHEL HOUSE 58 HERSCHEL STREET

SLOUGH BERKSHIRE SL1 1PG

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 an intermediate holding company.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The results for the year and financial position of the company and the group are as shown in the annexed financial statements. The company and group continue to pursue the development of the British Credit Trust Group activity base and its presence in the market place. The directors are confident that the group will be profitable in the near future despite making a loss for the year ended 31 March 2002.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

S ATKINSON B BERRY

The directors holding office at 31 March 2002 did not hold any beneficial interest in the issued share capital of the company at 1 April 2001 or 31 March 2002.

On 19 December 1999, a partnership in which Mr S Atkinson is a partner was granted options to acquire on certain conditions, warrants to subscribe for up to 3% of the company 'B' ordinary shares of 0.01p each after exercise of the warrants.

ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

100% of the issued share capital of the ultimate parent company (Consumer Finance Holdings Limited) is held by SPV Management Limited under a declaration of trust for charitable beneficiaries.

DONATIONS

The group made donations totalling £Nil (2001 - £10), during the year.

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 group and of the profit or loss of the company and 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

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 company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

The auditors, OURY CLARK CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S ATKINSON - DIRECTOR

Dated: 22 May 2002

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BRITISH CREDIT TRUST HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of CONSUMER FINANCE ACQUISITIONS COMPANY LIMITED for the year ended 31 March 2002 on pages four to eighteen. 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 or group 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 affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 March 2002 and of the group's loss and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

OURY CLARK CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS REGISTERED AUDITORS HERSCHEL HOUSE 58 HERSCHEL STREET SLOUGH

BERKSHIRE

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

		31.3.02	31.3.01
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER		18,501,746	11,574,866
Cost of sales		12,126,606	7,589,787
GROSS PROFIT		6,375,140	3,985,079
Administrative expenses		9,987,733	9,065,197
OPERATING LOSS	3	(3,612,593)	(5,080,118)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	83,159	80,379
		(3,529,434)	(4,999,739)
Interest payable and similar charges	5	304,889	362,454
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIE BEFORE TAXATION	ES	(3,834,323)	(5,362,193)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	6		
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEA AFTER TAXATION	ıR	(3,834,323)	(5,362,193)
Retained deficit brought forward		(12,099,170)	(6,736,977)
DEFICIT CARRIED FORWARD		£(15,933,493)	£(12,099,170)

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

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

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the losses for the current and previous years.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2002

	_	31.3	3.02	31.3	3.01
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Intangible assets	8		934,882		1,558,136
Tangible assets	9		828,184		898,694
			1,763,066		2,456,830
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors - amounts due within one year	11	27,309,260		17,520,985	
- amounts due after more than one year	r	63,047,481		40,737,863	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,500,939		1,855,466	
	_				
		93,857,680		60,114,314	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due within one year	12 _	99,234,229		64,010,304	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:			(5,376,549)		(3,895,990)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			(3,613,483)		(1,439,160)
CDENITODS: Amounta folling					
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13		12,320,000		10,660,000
due after more man one year	1.5		12,320,000		10,000,000
			£(15,933,483)		£(12,099,160)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	16		10		10
Profit and loss account			(15,933,493)		(12,099,170)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:	17		£(15,933,483)		£(12,099,160)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S ATKINSON - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 22 May 2002

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

		31.3.	.02	31.3	.01
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Investments	10		4,120,266		4,120,266
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	11	10		10	
Cash at bank		530		533	
		540		543	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling		340		343	
due within one year	12	1,346,832		1,025,846	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:			(1,346,292)		(1,025,303)
					(-,,,
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			0 880 084		
LIABILITIES:			2,773,974		3,094,963
CREDITORS: Amounts falling					
due after more than one year	13		4,100,000		4,100,000
			£(1,326,026)		£(1,005,037)
			2(1,320,020)		<u>L(1,003,037</u>)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	16		10		10
Profit and loss account	17		(1,326,036)		(1,005,047)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS:			£(1,326,026)		£(1,005,037)

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S ATKINSON - DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on 22 May 2002

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

		31.3.02	31.3.01
	Notes	£	£
Net cash outflow from operating activities	1	(168,597)	(1,822,884)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	(221,730)	(282,075)
Capital expenditure	2	(400,741)	(710,367)
		(791,068)	(2,815,326)
Financing	2	1,660,000	2,960,000
Increase in cash in the period		£868,932	£144,674
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3		
Increase in cash in the period		868,932	144,674
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		(1,660,000)	(2,960,000)
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1 April 2001		(791,068) (8,901,052)	(2,815,326) (6,085,726)
Net funds at 31 March 2002		£(9,692,120)	(£8,901,052)

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

31.3.02

31.3.01

	£	£
Operating loss	(3,612,593)	(5,080,118)
Depreciation charges	471,251	375,456
Loss on sale of fixed assets	, <u>-</u>	1,075
Amotisation of goodwill	623,254	
Increase in debtors	(32,097,893)	
Increase in creditors	34,447,384	
Net cash outflow		
from operating activities	(168,597)	(1,822,884)
ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN	THE CASH FLOW STA	TEMENT
ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN	31.3.02	31.3.01
Returns on investments and		
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	31.3.02 £ 83,159	31.3.01 £ 80,379
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	31.3.02 £ 83,159	31.3.01 £ 80,379

Net cash outflow		
for capital expenditure	(400,741)	<u>(710,367</u>)

Financing		
New loan taken out in year	_1,660,000	2,960,000

 Net cash inflow
 1,660,000
 2,960,000

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.4.01 £	Cash flow £	At 31.3.02 £
Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft	1,855,466 (96,518)	1,645,473 (776,541)	3,500,939 (873,059)
	1,758,948	868,932	2,627,880
Loans due after one year	(10,660,000)	(1,660,000)	(12,320,000)
Total	(8,901,052)	(791,068)	(9,692,120)
Analysed in Balance Sheet			
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft Other loan	1,855,466 (96,518) (<u>10,660,000</u>)		3,500,939 (873,059) (12,320,000)
	(8,901,052)		(9,692,120)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of consolidation

The financial statements incorporate the results of the company and all of its subsidiaries.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of recommended accounting practice (Accounting issues in the asset finance and leasing industry). The directors believe that the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continuing support of the ultimate parent company Consumer Finance Holdings Limited.

Turnover

Turnover represents interest, commission and fees receivable net of value added tax as well as invoiced sales of services net of value added tax. Similarly, any interest, commissions and fees paid in respect of trading activities are shown within cost of sales.

Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amounts paid in connection with the acquisitions of businesses, is being written off evenly over its estimated useful life of 5 years.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property - 20% on cost Fixtures and fittings - 20% on cost Computer equipment - 33% on cost

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.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

Instalment Finance

Charges made for the instalment finance and commissions payable to brokers are brought into revenue using the sum of digits method.

2. STAFF COSTS

	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	2,442,875 240,294	2,283,440 194,854
Pension costs	92,170	82,672
	2,775,339	2,560,966
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	21 2 22	21.2.21
	31.3.02	31.3.01
Administration	103	<u>88</u>

The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follows:

Money purchase schemes $\underline{\underline{1}}$ $\underline{\underline{1}}$

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

3. OPERATING LOSS

The operating loss is stated after charging:

	Hire of plant and machinery Operating leases Depreciation - owned assets Amortisation of goodwill Loss on disposal of fixed assets Auditors' remuneration -audit services	31.3.02 £ 9,869 135,922 473,558 623,254	
	-non-audit services	22,331	21,500
	Directors' emoluments	151,270	174,226
4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
	Interest received	83,159	80,379
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
	Interest payable	304,889	362,454
		304,889	362,454

6. TAXATION

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 31 March 2002 nor for the year ended 31 March 2001.

The group has unutilised tax losses of £14,012,597. In addition there is an unrecognised deferred tax liability resulting from accelerated capital allowances amounting to £107,655.

The company has unutilised tax losses of approximately £1,274,000. There is an unrecognised deferred tax asset resulting from these unutilised tax losses

7. PARENT COMPANY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent company's loss for the year amounted to £320,989 (2001 - £411,184).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP

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	<u>Goodwill</u>
COST: At 1 April 2001 Additions	£ 3,116,271
At 31 March 2002	<u>3,116,271</u>
AMORTISATION: At 1 April 2001 Charge for year	1,558,135 623,254
At 31 March 2002	<u>2,181,389</u>
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31 March 2002	<u>934,882</u>
At 31 March 2001	<u>1,558,136</u>

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP

	Improvements to property	Fixtures and fittings	Computer equipment	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 2001	390,602	132,075	904,411	1,427,088
Additions	4,531	11,143	385,067	400,741
Disposals			(2,099)	(2,099)
At 31 March 2002	395,133	143,218	_1,287,379	1,825,730
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 April 2001	46,328	58,694	423,372	528,394
Charge for year	78,800	23,781	368,670	471,251
Eliminated on disposals	<u>. </u>		_(2,099)	(2,099)
At 31 March 2002	125,128	82,475	789,943	997,546
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 2002	270,005	60,743	<u>497,436</u>	828,184
At 31 March 2001	344,274	73,381	481,039	898,694

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

10 FIXED ASSET INVETSMENTS – COMPANY

COST:At 1 April 2001
Additions

£
4,120,266

At 31 March 2002 4,120,266

PROVISIONS:

At 1 April 2001 and 31 March 2002

NET BOOK VALUE:

At 31 March 2002 4,120,266

At 31 March 2001 4,120,266

The company's investment at the balance sheet date in the share capital of unlisted companies include the following:

British Credit Trust Holdings Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Parent company of a group of companies

%

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Holdings Limited is the holding company of a group of unlisted companies, details of which are as follows:

British Credit Trust Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Consumer credit finance and service provider

%

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Management Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Consumer and commercial asset finance

%

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Finance Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Consumer credit finance and service provider

%

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

British Credit Trust Collections Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Debt Collection

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Asset Finance Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding
Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Commercial Mortgages Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

Belldial Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Receivables Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

British Credit Trust Conduit Limited

Country of incorporation: England & Wales

Nature of business: Non-trading

Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

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11.	DEBTORS - GROUP	21 2 02	21.2.01
		31.3.02	31.3.01
		£	£
	Hire purchase receivables	80,592,841	51,245,269
	Deferred costs	9,052,753	6,806,923
	Other debtors	534,178	96,801
		176,969	109,855
	Prepayments & accrued income	170,909	109,833
		90,356,741	58,258,848
	Hire purchase receivables		
	Due within one year	23,467,832	14,688,218
	Greater than one year	57,125,009	36,557,051
		90 502 941	51 245 260
		80,592,841	51,245,269
	Deferred costs		
	Due within one year	3,130,281	2,626,111
	Greater than one year	5,922,472	4,180,812
	Groutor dann one year	3,722,172	1,100,012
		9,052,753	6,806,923
	DEBTORS - COMPANY		
		31.3.02	31.3.01
		£	£
	Other debtors	10	10
		10	10
12.	CDEDITODS, AMOUNTS DALLING		
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR - GROUP		
	DUE WITHIN ONE TEAM - GROUP	31.3.02	31.3.01
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts		
	(see note 14)	873,059	96,518
	Trade creditors	1,383,166	842,170
	Other creditors	1,537,996	1,057,441
	Warehouse facility	94,857,285	61,595,425
	Social security & other taxes	90,301	69,423
	Accrued expenses	492,422	349,327
		00.001.00	
		99,234,229	64,010,304

A warehouse facility and other loans are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of British Credit Trust Holdings Limited, British Credit Trust Limited and British Credit Trust Collections Limited via a guarantee and debenture.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (cont.) - COMPANY

	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR (cont.) - COMPANY	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
	Other creditors	1,231,873	925,084
	Due to group undertakings	114,959	100,762
		1,346,832	1,025,846
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR - GROUP		
		31.3.02	31.3.01
	Loan	£ 450,000	£ 450,000
	Other loan (secured)	11,870,000	10,210,000
		12,320,000	10,660,000
	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR - COMPANY		
		31.3.02	31.3.01
		£	£
	Other loan (secured)	4,100,000	4,100,000
		4,100,000	4,100,000

The loan balances are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of British Credit Trust Holdings Limited, British Credit Trust Limited and British Credit Trust Collections Limited via a guarantee and debenture.

14. LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:

	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>873,059</u>	<u>96,518</u>

15. OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS

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

	buil ope:	d and dings rating ases
	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Expiring: In more than five years	188,025	184,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL - COMPANY

17.

Authorised: Number:	CI .	Nominal	21.2.02	21.2.01
Number:	Class:	value:	31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
150	ORDINARY 'A'	£0.01	1.50	1.50
2,000,850	ORDINARY 'B'	£0.01	20,008.50	20,008.50
			 :	
	·			
Allotted igans	ed and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal	31.3.02	31.3.01
1 various.	Ciuso.	value:	£	£
150	ORDINARY 'A'	£0.01	1.50	1.50
850	ORDINARY 'B'	£0.01	8.50	8.50
				=
RECONCILI	ATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHARE	HOLDERS' FUNDS		
- GROUP				
			31.3.02 £	31.3.01 £
Loss for the fi	nancial year		(3,834,323)	(5,362,193)
2000 101 410 11	manetar year		(5,65 1,525)	(0,302,193)
	of shareholders' funds		(3,834,323)	(5,362,193)
Opening share	cholders' funds		(<u>12,099,160</u>)	(6,736,977)
Clasing shaws	shold and funda		(15.022.492)	(12.000.160)
Closing share	cholders' funds		(<u>15,933,483</u>)	(<u>12,099,160</u>)
Equity interes	ts		(15,933,483)	(12,099,160)
RECONCILL	ATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHARE	HOLDERS' FUNDS		
- COMPANY				
			31.3.02	31.3.01
Loos for the fi	nancial year		£ (320,989)	£
Loss for the fi	nanciai year		(320,989)	(411,184)
Net reduction	of shareholders' funds		(320,989)	(411,184)
Opening share	cholders' funds		(1,005,037)	(593,853)
·			(1.055.335)	
Closing share	eholders' funds		(1,326,026)	(1,005,037)
Equity interes	ts		(1,326,026)	(1,005,037)
Equity inicies			(1,520,020)	(1,000,007)

18. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is Consumer Finance Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31 March 2002

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included within other loans is a £450,000 (2001-£450,000) loan from R J Gewolb, a former director of the company. The amount is due for repayment once certain contractual conditions have been fulfilled. During the year interest of £34,853 (2001-£40,626) was charged in respect of this loan.

Mr B S Berry, a director of Consumer Finance Acquisitions Company Limited, is also a director of Nikko Principal Investments Limited. The company has a long term loan relationship (secured) with Nikko Principal Investments Limited. Included within other loans is a £34,621,955 (2001-£34,152,280) loan from Nikko Principal Investments Limited. Interest charged during the year was £2,726,778 (2001-£2,144,195).

A debenture was created on 4 September 1998 securing all monies due to Nikko Principal Investments Ltd.

20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

British Credit Trust Holdings Limited is a member of a VAT group and hence is jointly liable for outstanding VAT liabilities for other British Credit Trust group members.