Financial statements

For the year ended 30 September 2002

Company registration number: 03754932



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Directors and other information

Directors P Surgenor

S J C Simms

Secretary P Surgenor

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Solicitors

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Auditors KPMG

Stokes House

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Belfast

Company registration number 03754932

Directors' report

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report to the shareholders together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2002.

Principal activity and business review

The company ceased to trade from 1 October 2001.

The principal activity of the company was the distribution of medical products.

Directors

The members of the board during the year were:-

P Surgenor SJC Simms

Directors' interests

(i) Interests in share capital

No director had an interest in the ordinary share capital of the company at any time during the year.

(ii) Interests in contracts

No director had at any time during the year a material interest in any contract that was significant in relation to the company's business.

Political and charitable contributions

The company made no political or charitable contributions during the year.

Auditors

KPMG have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors. A resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

8 January 2003

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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 maintaining 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board

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8 January 2003



Chartered Accountants

Stokes House College Square East Belfast BT1 6DH Northern Ireland

Independent auditors' report to the members of Blackstaff Pharmaceuticals Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body in accordance with article 243 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. 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

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3, the financial statements in accordance with applicable Northern Ireland law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in Northern Ireland by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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 (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. 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.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 30 September 2002 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

KPMG

8 January 2003

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors



Profit and loss account

Year ended 30 September 2002

	Year ended	Year ended
	30 September 2002 £	30 September 2001 £
Turnover - continuing operations	-	
Cost of sales	•	-
Gross profit	•	-
Licence costs	(167)	-
Operating loss - continuing operations	(167)	-
Interest receivable and similar income	-	-
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(167)	-
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		-
Loss for the financial year	(167)	-
Retained profit brought forward	4,905	4,905
Retained profit carried forward	4,738	4,905

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than those included above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet

At 30 September 2002

	Note	30 September 2002	30 September 2001
		£	£
Current assets			
Debtors	2	1,000	1,000
Cash at bank		51,507	80,489
		52,507	81,489
Creditors: Amounts falling due		Jai,501	01,402
within one year	3	(46,769)	(75,584)
Net assets		5,738	5,905
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	4	1,000	1,000
Profit and loss account		4,738	4,905
Equity shareholders' funds		5,738	5,905
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 8 January 2003.

By order of the board

1 Director

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Cash flow Year ended 30 September 2002

	Note	30 September 2002 £	30 September 2001 £
Cash outflow from operating activities	7	(28,982)	42,559
Returns on investment and servicing of finance Taxation Capital expenditure Financing		- - -	- - - -
Decrease in cash		(28,982)	42,559
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds Year ended 30 September 2002			
		30 September 2002 £	30 September 2001 £
Net funds/(debt) at start of period Movement in net funds in the period		80,489 (28,982)	37,930 42,559
Net funds at end of period (cash at bank)		51,507	80,489

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Principal accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to these financial statements.

Basis of accounting

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

Turnover

Turnover represents invoiced amounts of goods sold net of value added tax and settlement discount.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value on the first-in, first-out basis. Cost comprises invoice price and carriage costs less trade discounts and rebates.

Net realisable value is the amount for which stock can be realised in the normal course of trade after allowing for the costs of realisation. Provision is made as appropriate for slow-moving and defective stock.

2 Debtors

Desitors	Year ended 30 September 2002 £	Year ended 30 September 2001 £
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	1,000	1,000

Notes (continued)

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3	Creditors:	Amounts	railing or	ie within	one	year

	3	Year ended 30 September 2002 £	Year ended 30 September 2001 £
	Trade creditors		28,152
	Amounts due to parent undertaking	45,338	46,001
	Corporation tax	681	681
	Accruals	750	750
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		46,769	75,584
4	Share capital		
	-	Year ended	Year ended
		30 September 2002	30 September 2001
		£	£
	Authorised:		
	1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000,000	1,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
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Incorporation and capitalisation

The company was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a private company on 16 April 1999.

On incorporation the company had an authorised share capital of £1 million made up of 1 million ordinary shares of £1 each and an issued share capital of 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.

The entire issued share capital is held by Sangers (Northern Ireland) Limited, a company incorporated in Northern Ireland.

Notes (continued)

5	Reserves		
		Year ended	Year ended
		30 September 2002	30 September 2001
		£	£
	Profit and loss account		
	At beginning of period	4,905	4,905
	Loss for the period	(167)	-
	At the end of period	4,738	4,905
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6	Reconciliation of movement in equity share	holders' funds	
		Year ended	Year ended
		30 September 2002	30 September 2001
		£	£
	Opening equity shareholders' funds	5,905	5,905
	Loss for the period	(167)	-
	Closing equity shareholders' funds	5,738	5,905
7	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cas		
		Year ended	Year ended
		30 September 2002	30 September 2001
		£	£
	Operating loss	(167)	-
	Increase in stocks	•	11,119
	Increase in debtors	(AO O # 7)	44,086
	Decrease in creditors	(28,815)	(12,646)
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating a	activities (28,982)	42,559

Notes (continued)

8 Group affiliation

The company's immediate parent company is Sangers (Northern Ireland) Limited, a company incorporated in Northern Ireland. The ultimate parent undertaking is United Drug plc, a company incorporated and operating in the Republic of Ireland.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by United Drug plc. No other group accounts include the results of the company.

The consolidated accounts of United Drug plc are available to the public and may be obtained from the following address:

United Drug plc James Street Ballina Co Mayo Republic of Ireland

9 Related party transactions

Since more than 90% of the company's voting rights are controlled within the United Drug plc group of companies, of which it is a member, the company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose transactions with entities that are part of the group.