FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 May 2003



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Levelcrown Limited OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

Mr A I Patel Mr Y I Patel Miss K Rice

SECRETARY

Mr A I Patel

REGISTERED OFFICE

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AUDITORS

Baker Tilly Chartered Accountants Brazennose House Lincoln Square Manchester M2 5BL

BANKERS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and financial statements of Levelcrown Limited for the year ended 31 May 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of retail dispensing chemists.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The directors are pleased with the results for 2003 and wish to improve on current activities via both organic growth and acquisition.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

	Ordinary	Shares of £1 each
	At	At
	31 May 2003	1 June 2002
Mr A I Patel	1	1
Mr Y I Patel	1	1
Miss K Rice	-	_

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Baker Tilly as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the board

Mr A I Patel

Company Secretary

5th December 2003

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. 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 requirements of 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LEVELCROWN LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 17.

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 auditors' 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' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. 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 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 at 31 May 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BAKER TILLY

Registered Auditor Chartered Accountants Brazennose House Lincoln Square Manchester M2 5BL

5th December 2003

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 May 2003

		Continu	2003 ing operations		Total	2002 Total
	Notes	£	Acquisitions £		£	£
Turnover Cost of sales	Notes	12,815,438 9,503,518	1,585,788 1,205,005		14,401,226 10,708,523	12,446,671 9,310,733
Gross profit Net operating expenses	2	3,311,920 2,689,575	380,783 292,476		3,692,703 2,982,051	3,135,938 2,739,507
OPERATING PROFIT	4	622,345	88,307		710,652	396,431
Profit on ordinary activities be interest	fore	622,345	88,307		710,652	396,431
Income from shares in group to Interest receivable Interest payable	ındertakings			5 6	20,836 3,734 (278,464)	3,702 (251,505)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY AC	CTIVITIES I	BEFORE TAXAT	NOI		456,758	148,628
Tax on profit on ordinary activ	vities			7	153,350	34,460
RETAINED PROFIT FOR TE	łE FINANC	IAL YEAR			303,408	114,168

No separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the Profit and Loss Account.

The operating profit for the year arises from the company's continuing operations.

BALANCE SHEET

31 May 2003

		2003	2002
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	8	5,495,866	4,087,516
Tangible assets	9	145,275	134,622
Investments	10	902	2
		5,642,043	4,222,140
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	1,263,014	1,114,431
Debtors	12	1,858,590	2,266,857
Cash at bank and in hand		775,749	780,327
CREDITORS		3,897,353	4,161,615
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	13	3,581,767	3,722,877
NET CURRENT ASSETS		315,586	438,738
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		5,957,629	4,660,878
CREDITORS			
Amounts due after more than one year	14	5,364,654	4,366,803
		592,975	294,075
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Deferred taxation	16	2,516	7,024
		590,459	287,051
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	19	2	2
Profit and loss account	20	590,457	287,049
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	21	590,459	287,051

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 5th December 2003 and are signed on their behalf by:

Mr A I Patel Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 May 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	22	1,263,885	1,097,949
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	22	(253,894)	(247,803)
Taxation	22	(38,929)	(17,572)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	22	(1,461,337)	(532,447)
ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS Acquisition of shares in group undertakings		(900)	_
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS		(900)	
CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		(491,175)	300,127
Financing	22	997,851	2,926,849
INCREASE IN CASH IN THE PERIOD		506,676	3,226,976
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET	DEBT		
		2003 £	2002 £
Increase in cash in the period		506,676	3,226,976
Net cash (inflow) from bank loans Net cash outflow from other long-term creditors		(1,897,851) 900,000	(2,926,849)
CHANGE IN NET DEBT	22	(491,175)	300,127
NET DEBT AT 1 JUNE 2002	22	(5,493,426)	(1,302,244)
NET DEBT AT 31 MAY 2003	22	(5,984,601)	(5,493,426)

Levelcrown Limited ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a medium sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts. These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual and not about its group.

TURNOVER

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

GOODWILL

In accordance with FRS 10, the directors have concluded that goodwill arising on acquisition of certain trade and assets of Sunscript Limited, Benson's, M Hacking and Rodney Lee Limited and as a result of a hive up, post acquisition, of the trade and assets of its subsidiary undertakings J & N Cohen and F M Rimmington Limited, should not be amortised as it has an indefinite useful economic life.

Each of these investments is considered to have an indefinite life that can be demonstrated, and the value of the goodwill can be readily measured. The dispensing chemists industry, in which the company operates, has high market entry barriers due to the nature of licence agreements with local health authorities and the limited number available in the marketplace. The value of the business can be ascertained by reference to the current value of goodwill which is payable in the market based on a price per £ in relation to the levels of turnover for each individual pharmacy. The directors undertake an annual impairment review of goodwill.

The company has not amortised this goodwill, a departure from the Companies Act 1985, paragraph 21 of Schedule 4, for the over-riding purpose of giving a true and fair view of the company's results, for the reasons outlined above. Amortisation is only one factor affecting the value of goodwill and the directors have concluded that it is not possible to quantify the effect of not amortising goodwill.

AMORTISATION

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures & Fittings

25% reducing balance

Motor Vehicles

25% reducing balance

STOCKS

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

Levelcrown Limited ACCOUNTING POLICIES

OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENTS

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

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2	ANALYSIS OF COST OF SALES AND NET OPERATING EXPENSES

		Continuing Operations £	Acquired Operations £	Total £
	Year ended 31 May 2003 Cost of sales	9,503,518	1,205,005	10,708,523
	Administrative expenses Other operating income (Note 3)	2,700,142 (10,567)	292,476	2,992,618 (10,567)
	Net operating expenses	2,689,575	292,476	2,982,051
	Year ended 31 May 2002 Cost of sales	8,633,449	677,284	9,310,733
	Administrative expenses	2,542,157	197,350	2,739,507
	Net operating expenses	2,542,157	197,350	2,739,507
3	OTHER OPERATING INCOME			
			2003	2002
	Rent receivable		£ 10,567	8,130 8,130
4	OPERATING PROFIT			
	Operating profit is stated after charging:			
			2003 £	2002 £
	Depreciation Loss on disposal of fixed assets		42,334	44,076
	Auditors' remuneration		_	1,708
	- as auditors		4,250	3,921
	Operating lease costs: Land and buildings		188,888	191,899
5	INCOME FROM SHARES IN GROUP UNDERTAKINGS	S		
			2003	2002
			£	£
	Post acquisition profits received from group undertaking		20,836	_
6	INTEREST PAYABLE			
			2003	2002
	Interest payable on bank borrowing		£ 2,483	£ 622
	Other similar charges payable		275,981	250,883
			278,464	251,505

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7	TAXC	ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
,		Taxation			
	(a)	Taxation			
	Curren	t tax:		2003 £	2002 £
	In resp	ect of the year:			
	UK C	orporation tax based on the results for the year at	30% (2002 -		
	30%) Over/	under provision in prior year		154,151 3,597	35,222 (7,243)
				157,748	27,979
	Intere	st on overdue tax paid		110	457
	Total c	urrent tax		157,858	28,436
	Deferre	ed tax:			
	(Decr	ease)/increase in deferred tax provision		(4,508)	6,024
	Tax on	profit on ordinary activities		153,350	34,460
	(b)	Factors affecting current tax charge		-	
	The ta	x assessed on the profit on ordinary activities	for the year is high	er than the sta	ndard rate of
		ation tax in the UK of 30% (2002 - 30%).	, 0		
				2003 £	2002 £
	Profit o	on ordinary activities before taxation		456,758	148,628
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities by rate of tax		137,027	44,588
	Disallo	wable expenses		15,131	3,166
	Capital Deprec	allowances		(11,795) 12,700	(8,854) 13,223
		ax adjustments		1,088	13,223
		on overdue tax		110	457
		(over) provision in prior year		3,597	(7,243)
	Relief	for losses b/f		_	(16,982)
	Total c	urrent tax (note 7(a))		157,858	28,436
8	INTAN	IGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
				Lease	
			Goodwill	Premium	Total
	Cost	ne 2002	£ 4,087,516	£	£ 4,087,516
	Additio		1,403,850	4,500	1,408,350
	At 31 N	Лау 2003	5,491,366	4,500	5,495,866
	Amorti	sation			_
		ok value			
	At 31 N	May 2003	5,491,366	4,500	5,495,866
	At 31 N	Лау 2002	4,087,516	_	4,087,516

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9	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
		Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
	Cost	L	£	£
	At 1 June 2002	193,506	17,222	210,728
	Additions	37,775	15,212	52,987
	At 31 May 2003			
	At 51 May 2003	231,281	32,434	263,715
	Depreciation			
	At 1 June 2002	69,985	6,121	76,106
	Charge for the year	36,726	5,608	42,334
	At 31 May 2003	106,711	11,729	118,440
	Net book value			
	At 31 May 2003	124,570	20,705	145,275
	-			
	At 31 May 2002	123,521	11,101	134,622
10	INVESTMENTS			
				Share in group undertakings £
	Cost			
	At 1 June 2002 Additions			2 900
	At 31 May 2003			902
	Net book value			
	At 31 May 2003			902
	At 31 May 2002			2

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10 INVESTMENTS (continued)

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of the companies listed below,

Aggregate capital and reserves	2003	2002
	£	£
J & N Cohen Limited	- trape	***
Gamcrest Limited	15,848	19,869
F M Rimmington Limited	_	_
M Hacking Limited	£ 2d	_
Profit and (loss) for the year		
J & N Cohen Limited	_	_
Gamcrest Limited	(4,021)	(6,845)
F M Rimmington Limited	_	_
M Hacking Limited	_	_

On 1 October 2002 the company acquired the trade and assets of Rodney Lee Limited for a consideration of £2,153,701 satisfied by cash. The identifiable assets and liabilities acquired at fair value to the company were:

Fixed assets £36,570; Stock £317,078; Debtors £477,054; Creditors £(282,256); Cash balances £209,201. Goodwill of £1,396,054, being the difference between the fair value of net assets acquired and consideration paid, arises from this transaction.

11 STOCKS

		2003 £	2002
	Finished goods	1,263,014	1,114,431
12	DEBTORS		
		2003 £	2002 f
	Trade debtors	1,515,950	1,960,457
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,806	14,190
	Other debtors	186,392	172,748
	Prepayments and accrued income	152,442	119,462
		1,858,590	2,266,857
		152,442	119,462

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	CD DD MODEL COMMISSION OF THE		
13	CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	1,395,696	1,906,950
	Trade creditors	1,057,278	1,390,431
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	10,000	10,000
	Amounts owed to undertakings in which		
	the company has a participating interest	53,527	17,800
	Corporation tax	154,151	35,222
	Other taxation and social security	39,915	30,837
	Other creditors	746,310	214,561
	Accruals and deferred income	124,890	117,076
		3,581,767	3,722,877

The bank loans and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets, including a fixed charge over goodwill. A third party also acts as guarantor in relation to certain loan balances. Interest is levied at 1% above base rate on capital borrowed of £3,853,000 and 1.25% above base rate on capital borrowed of £3,180,000.

14 CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year

		2003 £	2002 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts Other creditors	5,364,654 -	3,466,803 900,000
		5,364,654	4,366,803
15	CREDITORS - MATURITY OF DEBT		
	Creditors include bank loans which are due for repayment as follows:		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Amounts repayable:		
	In one year or less or on demand	493,696	1,147,817
	In more than one year but not more than two years	518,234	263,757
	In more than two years but not more than five years	1,714,719	897,496
	In more than five years	3,131,701	2,305,550
		5,858,350	4,614,620
16	DEFERRED TAXATION		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the year was:		
	Provision brought forward	7,024	1,000
	Profit and Loss Account movement arising during the year	(4,508)	6,024
	Provision carried forward	2,516	7,024

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16 DEFERRED TAXATION (continued)

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets	2,516	7,024
	2,516	7,024

17 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 May 2003 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Land and buildings	
	2003	2002
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	59,275	_
After more than 5 years	167,208	166,370
	226,483	166,370

18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Included in other debtors are amounts due from parties related by virtue of common control:

Wardcare Limited - £6,048 (2002 - £4,325)

Included in other debtors are amounts due from group companies:

Gamecrest Limited - £3,806 (2002 - £14,190)

Included in other creditors are amounts owed to the following parties, related by virtue of common control:

Gorgemead Limited - £265,860 (2002 - £139,009)

Scholes (Chemists) Limited - £338,324 (2002 - £70,978) Makan Investments Limited - £130,401 (2002, amounts owed by Makan Investments - £22,599) Prinwest Limited - £9,036 (2002, amounts owed by Prinwest Limited - £3,694)

Included in other creditors are amounts owed to the following group companies:

Rodney Lee Limited - £35,727 (2002 - Nil) F M Rimmington - £16,800 (2002 - £16,800) J&N Cohen - £1,000 (2002 - £1,000) M Hacking Limited - £10,000 (2002 - £10,000)

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19	SHARE CAPITAL		
19	SHARE CAFITAL		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Authorised:	100	
	100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: Ordinary share capital	2	2
	•		
20	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
		2003	2002
	Balance brought forward	£ 287,049	£ 172,881
	Retained profit for the financial year	303,408	114,168
	Balance carried forward	590,457	287,049
21	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		2003	2002
	DesCr. Const. Const. Lanca	£	£
	Profit for the financial year	303,408	114,168
	Opening shareholders' equity funds	287,051	172,883
	Closing shareholders' equity funds	590,459	287,051
22	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
a	Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities		
		2003	2002
	Operating profit	£ 710,652	£ 396,431
	Depreciation	42,334	44,076
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	_	1,708
	(Increase)/decrease in stocks	(148,583)	22,733
	Decrease in debtors Increase in creditors	408,267 251,215	498,246 134,755
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,263,885	1,097,949
ь	Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in the cash flow		
	Returns on investment and servicing of finance		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Income from group undertakings	20,836	_
	Interest received	3,734	3,702
	Interest paid Not each outflow from returns an investments and comising of finance.	(278,464)	(251,505)
	Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(253,894)	(247,803)

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22	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (contin	nued)		
	Taxation		0000	2222
			2003 £	2002 £
	Taxation		(38,929)	(17,572)
	Capital expenditure			
	• •		2003 £	2002
	Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets		(1,408,350)	£ (505,008)
	Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(52,987)	(28,689)
	Receipts from sale of fixed assets			1,250
	Net cash outflow from capital expenditure		(1,461,337)	(532,447)
	Financing			
	rmancing		2003	2002
	Y 2.1.11		£	£
	Increase in bank loans Net outflow from other long-term creditors		1,897,851 (900,000)	2,926,849
	Net cash inflow from financing		997,851	2,926,849
	Net cash furiow from financing		997,031	2,920,049
c	Analysis of changes in net debt			
		At	Ch flassa	At 21 M 2002
		1 Jun 2002 £	Cash flows £	31 May 2003 £
	Net cash:			
	Cash in hand and at bank	780,327	(4,578)	775,749
	Overdrafts	(1,906,950)	511,254	(1,395,696)
		(1,126,623)	506,676	(619,947)
	Debt:			
	Debt due after 1 year	(4,366,803)	(997,851)	(5,364,654)
	Net debt	(5,493,426)	(491,175)	(5,984,601)