Kemlite Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2003

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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D J Pickett

E C Fast

R W Schueller

SECRETARY

G Redshaw

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accounts and Registered Auditors Southampton

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture of plastic laminates.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Turnover for the period was £6.45 million giving rise to a profit after tax of £23,000 (2002: £87,000). The company undertakes an active programme of continuous development and improvement driven by the Operational Excellence programme that encompasses lean manufacturing and improving customer satisfaction.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of any dividend for the period (2002: £nil).

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the board is set out below. All directors served throughout the year.

Directors

Richard William Schueller

Eric Carson Fast

David John Pickett

Secretary

Graham Redshaw

The directors of the company did not have any interest in the shares of the company during the period. The interest of E C Fast who is a director of the ultimate parent company, Crane Co Inc., is disclosed in that company's financial statements. R W Schueller and D J Pickett did not have any interest in the shares of any other group company during the year.

AUDITORS

On 1 August 2003 Deloitte & Touche transferred their business to Deloitte & Touche LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Company's consent has been given to treating the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as extending to Deloitte & Touche LLP with effect from 1 August 2003 under the provisions of section 26(5) of the Companies Act 1989.

A resolution for the re-appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

David Pickett

Director

27m October 2004

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law 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 as at the end of the financial period 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; and
- 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KEMLITE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Kemlite Limited for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 19. 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 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

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and 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 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 the directors' report for the above period and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

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 December 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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Southampton

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2003

Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
2	6,452	5,885
	(4,979)	(4,381)
	1,473	1,504
	(366)	(329)
	(1,021)	(980)
3	86	195
5	(20)	(36)
	66	159
6	(43)	(72)
14	23	87
	2 3 5	Note £'000 2 6,452

There have been no recognised gains and losses attributable to the shareholders other than the retained profit for both years and, accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses nor reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds is shown.

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	7	1,963	2,074
Tangible assets	8	767	800
		2,730	2,874
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	869	772
Debtors	10	1,327	1,273
Cash at bank and in hand		12	165
		2,208	2,210
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	(915)	(1,157)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,293	1,053
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,023	3,927
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12	(195)	(121)
		3,828	3,806
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		======================================	
Called up share capital	13	_	_
Share premium account	14	3,834	3,834
Profit and loss account deficit	14	(6)	(28)
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	14	3,828	3,806

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 27 October 2004.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Ďavid Pickett

Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Goodwill and intangible fixed assets

Purchased goodwill is capitalised in the year in which it arises and amortised over its estimated useful life, up to a maximum of 20 years with a full year's amortisation charge in the first year. The directors regard 20 years as a maximum for the estimated useful life of goodwill since it is difficult to make projections exceeding this period.

Patent costs are valued at cost on acquisition and are amortised in equal annual amounts over their estimated useful economic lives (20 years).

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less depreciation and provision for any impairment.

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Leasehold buildings4% per annumPlant and equipment10% per annumMotor vehicles33% per annum

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and production overheads appropriate to the relevant stage of production. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

Foreign exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates ruling at that date. These translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the company during the period, which are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 December 2003

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services within one class of business which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and Value Added Tax.

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	By geographical area:	2 777	2 000
	United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland	4,575	3,888
	Continental Europe	1,430	1,457
	Other	447	540
		6,452	5,885
3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned assets	111	97
	Amortisation	111	116
	Rentals under operating leases:		
	Land and buildings	148	144
	Hire of plant and machinery	4	19
	Other operating leases	28	16
	Auditors' remuneration – audit services	12	12
4.	INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£,000
	Directors' remuneration		
	Fees	68	57
	Other emoluments	I	1
	Pension contributions	7	7
		76	65
		No.	No.
	Number of directors who are members of defined	, 110.	110.
	contribution pension scheme	1	1
	Average number of persons employed	_ _	
	Production	22	21
	Administration	18	17
		40	38

4. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMILEOTEES (COMMING	4.	INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES	(continued)
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		£'000	£'000
	Staff costs during the period (including directors)		
	Wages and salaries	983	890
	Social security costs Pension costs	107 35	85
	Pension costs		47
		1,125	1,022
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Intercompany loan interest	20	36
6.	TAX ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
Cu	irrent taxation		
UK	C corporation tax (credit)/charge for the period	(31)	30
De	eferred taxation		
Ori	rigination and reversal of timing differences (see note 12)	74	42
Ta	ix on profit on ordinary activities	43	72
	e tax assessed for the year is lower (2002: lower) than that resulting poration tax in the UK (2002:30%) The differences are explained below		30% rate of
Pr	rofit before tax	65	159
Sta	tandard rate tax on profit before tax	20	48
	ess effect of:		
	isallowable expenses	3	3
	mortisation	20	21
	apital allowances in excess of depreciation	(46)	(72
1 6	emporary timing differences	(28)	3(
Cı	urrent tax credit/(charge) for period	(31)	30
			

7. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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		Patents	Goodwill	Total
		£'000	900°£	£,000
Cost At 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003		975	1,323	2,298
Accumulated depreciation			40.5	•
At 1 January 2003 Charge for the year		93 49	131 62	224 111
At 31 December 2003		142	193	335
Net book value		833	1,130	1,963
At 31 December 2003		655	1,150	1,903
At 31 December 2002		882	1,192	2,074
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Leasehold buildings	Plant and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost At 1 January 2003	10	980	11	1,001
Additions	-	81	-	81
Disposals			(11)	(11)
At 31 December 2003	10	1,061		1,071
Accumulated depreciation	_	100	7	201
At 1 January 2003 Charge for the year	5	189 105	7 1	201 111
Disposals	J	-	(8)	(8)
At 31 December 2003	10	294		304
Net book value		7.7	,	2/7
At 31 December 2003		767	.	767
At 31 December 2002	5	791	4	800

9.	STOCKS
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		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Raw materials	528	404
	Finished goods and goods for resale	341	368
		869	772
10.	DEBTORS	,	
		2002	
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Trade debtors	1,214	1,133
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	21	2
	Other debtors	-	62
	Prepayments Corporation tax recoverable	54	76
	Corporation tax recoverable	38	
		1,327	1,273
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Bank overdrafts	82	-
	Trade creditors	600	474
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	130	580
	Corporation tax Other taxes and social security	2.5	31
	Accruals and deferred income	35 68	43 29
			
		915	1,157
12.	DEFERRED TAXATION		
			£'000
	erred taxation movement for the year		
	ance as at 1 January 2003		121
Cha	rged to profit and loss account (see note 6)		74
Bala	ance at 31 December 2003		195
Def	erred taxation is analysed as follows:		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
Сар	ital allowances in advance of depreciation	203	157
	er timing differences	(8)	(36)
		195	121

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Authorised 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1
Called up, allotted and fully paid 1 ordinary share of £1 each	-	-

14. RESERVES

	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
Balance at 1 January 2003 Profit for the period	3,834	(28)	3,806
Balance at 31 December 2003	3,834	(6)	3,828

15. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2003 the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

	200	3	200	2
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
Toward and the Lorentzee	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leases which expire:	_			
Within one year	0	6	43	5
Within two to five years	148	24	83	30

16. PENSION SCHEME

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all employees and contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they arise. The contributions paid in the period amounted to £35,000 (2002: £47,000). There were no outstanding contributions payable at the year end (2002: £nil).

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within FRS 8 not to disclose transactions with group companies as it is a 100% subsidiary of Crane Inc., whose consolidated accounts are publicly available.

18. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained with FRS 1 not to prepare a cash flow as it is a 100% subsidiary of Crane Inc., whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available.

19. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate parent company and controlling party, which heads the smallest and largest group for which consolidated accounts are produced, is Crane Co Inc., which is incorporated in the USA. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company can be obtained from Crane Co, Executive offices, 100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, Connecticut, CT 06902, USA.