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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the year ended 2 April 2005

Company number 04450552



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Company registration number: 04450552

Registered office: 3130 Great Western House  
Hunts Ground Road  
Stoke Gifford  
Bristol  
BS48 8HP

Directors: B Nicholls  
N Glen  
D A J Williams

Secretary: K Young

Bankers: Barclays Bank Plc

Solicitors: Burgess Salmon LLP

Auditors: Grant Thornton UK LLP  
Registered Auditors  
Chartered Accountants

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# **MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2005**

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The directors present their report together with financial statements for the year ended 2 April 2005.

### **Principal activity and business review**

The company operates principally as an investment holding company.

On 8 April 2004, Milk Link Investments Limited acquired a 75 per cent controlling stake in The Cheese Company. The Cheese Company has been created through the sale of Glanbia Foods Limited to a new company, The Cheese Company Holdings Limited (TCCH). Milk Link has a 75 per cent stake in TCCH with the remaining 25 per cent being taken by Glanbia plc, the international dairy, consumer foods and nutritional products company.

### **Directors**

The present membership of the Board is set out below:

B Nicholls  
N Glen  
D A J Williams

No director held any interest in the shares of the company, or in the ultimate parent undertaking Milk Link Limited, during the year.

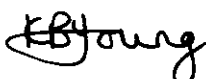
### **Auditors**

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

### **Small company exemption**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



**Karen Young**  
Company Secretary  
3 November 2005

# **MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2005**

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Company law in the United Kingdom 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 year. 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 company will continue in business.

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

# MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBER OF MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

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We have audited the financial statements of Milk Link Investments Limited for the year ended 2 April 2005 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and notes 1 to 9. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

This report is made solely to the company's member, 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 member 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 the directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with 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 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 the company's affairs as at 2 April 2005 and of the result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**GRANT THORNTON UK LLP  
REGISTERED AUDITORS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
BRISTOL  
3 November 2005**

*Grant Thornton UK LLP*

# **MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

## **PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2005**

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### **A. Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

As a wholly owned subsidiary of Milk Link Limited, the company is exempt from preparing consolidated financial statements. The financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

### **B. Investments**

Investments are included at cost.

# MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2005

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	Note	2005 £ 000	2004 £ 000
Turnover		-	-
Operating profit		-	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1	-	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
Profit for the financial period		-	-
Retained profit for the financial period		-	-

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



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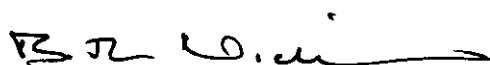
## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 2 APRIL 2005

	Note	2005 £ 000	2004 £ 000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investment in subsidiary	3	18,714	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	4	-	2,078
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
		1	2,079
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	5	(18,714)	(2,078)
<b>Net current (liabilities)/assets</b>		<u>(18,713)</u>	<u>1</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
 <b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	7	1	1
Profit and loss account		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 November 2005.



**Barry Nicholls**  
Director

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2 APRIL 2005

### 1. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The profit on ordinary activities is stated after:

	2005 £ 000	2004 £ 000
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
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The company's audit fees were paid through the immediate parent company, Milk Link Processing Limited.

### 2. Directors' remuneration

All directors were paid through the ultimate parent company, Milk Link Limited.

### 3. Investments

	Subsidiary undertaking £000
At 1 April 2004	-
Additions	18,714
At 2 April 2005	<hr/> 18,714 <hr/>

	Class of share held	Proportion held	Nature of business
<b>Direct Subsidiaries</b>			
The Cheese Company Holdings Limited	Ordinary	75%	Investment Holding company
<b>Indirect subsidiaries</b>			
The Cheese Company Limited	Ordinary	75%	Processing and distribution of cheese

### 4. Debtors

	2005 £ 000	2004 £ 000
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,078
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# MILK LINK INVESTMENTS LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 2 APRIL 2005

### 5. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2005 £ 000	2004 £ 000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>18,714</u>	<u>2,078</u>

### 6. Contingent liabilities

The Company has a contingent liability in the form of a cross guarantee to Milk Link Processing Limited in support of its banking facilities.

### 7. Share capital

	2005 £	2004 £
Authorised 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid 1 ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

### 8. Related party transactions

As 100% of the company's voting rights are controlled within the group headed by Milk Link Limited, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and therefore has not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of that group. The consolidated financial statements of Milk Link Limited, within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 9.

### 9. Controlling related party

The company's ultimate controlling related party is its ultimate parent undertaking, Milk Link Limited.

The largest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up is that headed by Milk Link Limited, a co-operative registered in Great Britain and the smallest such group of undertakings, including the company, is that headed by Milk Link Holdings Limited, incorporated in Great Britain. Copies of these accounts can be obtained at:

3130 Great Western Court, Hunts Ground Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8HP.