Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2003

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2003

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2003 £	Period from 18 December 2001 to 31 March 2002 £
Income from fixed asset investments	3		(142)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	43,710,805	29,324,093
Interest payable and similar expense	5	(43,710,805)	(29,324,093)
Other income/(loss)	6	(710,703)	113,108
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(710,703)	112,966
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(23,964,721)	(28,868,313)
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		(24,675,424)	(28,755,347)
Dividends payable on A ordinary shares	8	•	(564)
Retained loss carried forward		(24,675,424)	(28,755,911)

All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account. The profit on ordinary activities before and loss on ordinary activities after taxation is derived from continuing activities. The notes on pages 4 to 7 form an integral part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash Debtors falling due within one year Investments	10 11	6,811,070 - -	7,521,774 7,694,329 155,961,616
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(52,833,033)	(192,524,258
NET LIABILITIES		(46,021,963)	(21,346,539)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	13	499,000 (53,431,335)	499,000 (28,755,911)
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		(52,932,335)	(28,256,911)
Called up share capital	13	6,910,372	6,910,372
TOTAL NON-EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		6,910,372	6,910,372
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	14	(46,021,963)	(21,346,539)

A reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds is given in Note 14.

The notes on pages 4 to 7 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 2 to 7 were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 March 2004.

D E L England,

Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, the accounting policies set out below and in accordance with applicable accounting standards of the Accounting Standards Board and pronouncements of the Urgent Issues Task Force.

Overseas company

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 applicable to overseas companies. The company has taken advantage of the modifications and exemptions from disclosure that are set out in the Overseas Companies (Accounts) (Modifications and Exemptions) Order 1990.

Foreign Exchange

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at average rates of exchange during the period unless a contracted rate applied. Assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date except where rates of exchange are fixed under contractual arrangements. Exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account as they arise.

Investment debt securities

Fixed asset and current asset investment debt securities are stated at cost less any provision for diminution in value. Fixed asset investment securities are intended for use on a continuing basis by the Company and have been identified as such. The cost of dated investment securities is adjusted for the amortisation of premiums on purchase over periods to redemption.

2. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors did not receive any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company during the period.

3. INCOME FROM FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

		Period from
	Year ended	18 December
	31 March 2003	2001 to 31
		March 2002
	£	£
Gilt interest	-	1,829
Amortisation of premium on purchase of Gilts	-	(411)
Loss on sale of Gilt	-	(1,560)
	-	(142)
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
			Period from
		Year ended	18 December
		31 March 2003	2001 to 31
			March 2002
		£	£
	Bond interest	43,710,805	29,324,093
		43,710,805	29,324,093
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSE		
			Period from 18
			December 2001
		Year ended	to 31 March
		31 March 2003	2002
		t	£
	Payments under total return swap contracts (see note 11)	17,169,258	13,656,106
	Interest paid on sale and repurchase agreement	26,541,547	15,667,987
		43,710,805	29,324,093
6.	OTHER INCOME		
			Period from
		Year ended	18 December
		31 March 2003	2001 to 31
			March 2002
		£	£
	Foreign exchange gain/(loss)	(710,703)	113,108
	Gain/(loss) on sale of bonds	30,301,259	(41,321,297)
	(Loss)/gain on total return swap contracts	(30,243,902)	35,807,250
	Breakage costs on sale and repurchase agreement	(57,357)	5,514,047
		(710,703)	113,108
7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
			Period from
		Year ended	18 December
		31 March 2003	2001 to 31
			March 2002
		£	£
	United Kingdom: Corporation tax charge for the period	23,964,721	28,868,313
	Corporation tax charge for the period		

The tax charge is based on an effective UK corporation tax rate of 30%. The tax charge represents tax payable on the disposal of European government bonds, sterling denominated certificates of deposit, and a Canadian government bond (see note 11). The gain on disposal for tax purposes was different from the book gain.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

8. DIVIDENDS PAYABLE ON A ORDINARY SHARES

		Year ended 31 March 2003 £	Period from 18 December 2001 to 31 March 2002 £
	A ordinary share dividends	•	564
9.	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	2003 £	2002 £
	Acquired during period Amortisation of premium on purchase of Gilts Sold during the period	- - -	367,263 (411) (366,852)
	At 31 March	-	•
10.	DEBTORS		
	Debtors falling due within one year	2003 £	2002 £
	Amounts receivable under total return swap contracts	-	5,411,560
	Bond interest receivable		2,282,769
			7,694,329
11.	CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
		2003 £	2002 £
	Other investments	<u>-</u>	155,961,616

The other investments as at 31 March 2002 represented European government bonds that were acquired on 22 January 2002 and disposed of on the 20 December 2002.

During the year ended 31 March 2003 the Company purchased a portfolio of European and Canadian government bonds and UK certificates of deposit bonds from Barclays Bank PLC for £3,059,866,427. This purchase was funded by entering into a sale and repurchase agreement over the bonds with BNY International Financing Corporation. The Company hedged its risk in respect of these bonds by entering into a number of total return swaps, with The Bank of New York. On 27 June 2002 the portfolio was disposed of to a third party.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

12. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2003	2002
	£	£
Sale and repurchase obligation (see note 11)		162,054,254
Amounts payable under total return swap	-	1,601,691
contracts Amounts due to related party	52,833,033	28,868,313
	52,833,033	192,524,258
13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	2003	2002
	£	£
Authorised:		
Attributable to equity interests:		
375,000 ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each	375,000	375,000
124,000 ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	124,000	124,000
Attributable to non-equity interests:		
6,910,372 preference shares of £1 each	6,910,372	6,910,372
Allotted and fully paid:		
Attributable to equity interests:		
375,000 ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each	375,000	375,000
124,000 ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	124,000	124,000
Attributable to non-equity interests:	•	,
6,910,372 preference shares of £1 each	6,910,372	6,910,372
		

On 18 December 2001, the Company authorised 375,000 ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each and on that date issued and allotted 375,000 fully paid ordinary shares at £1 par value each.

On 14 January 2002, the Company authorised 124,000 ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each and on that date issued and allotted 124,000 fully paid ordinary shares at £1 par value each.

The 'A' and 'B' ordinary shares have 51% and 49% voting rights respectively.

On 17 January 2002, the Company authorised 6,910,372 non-voting preference shares of £1 each and on that date issued and allotted 6,910,372 fully paid preference shares at £1 par value each.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

14. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2003	2002
	£	£
Loss for the year	(24,675,424)	(28,755,347)
Dividends	-	(564)
Issue of equity shares	-	499,000
Issue of non-equity shares	•	6,910,372
Decrease in shareholders' funds	(24,675,424)	(21,346,539)
Opening shareholders' funds	(21,346,539)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Closing shareholders' funds	(46,021,963)	(21,346,539)