# SPECIALIST HELICOPTERS LIMITED (REGISTERED IN SCOTLAND NUMBER 168246)

ABBREVIATED ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2004

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## AUDITORS' REPORT TO SPECIALIST HELICOPTERS LIMITED UNDER SECTION 247B OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages 2 to 5, together with the full accounts of the company for the year ended 31st March 2004 prepared under section 226 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with section 246 of the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with section 246(5) and (6) of the Act to the Registrar of Companies and whether the accounts to be delivered are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions and to report our opinion to you.

#### BASIS OF OPINION

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the full accounts, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report did not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full accounts.

#### OPINION

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with sections 246(5) and (6) of the Companies Act 1985 and the abbreviated accounts on pages 2 to 5 are properly prepared in accordance with those provisions.

Johnston Carmichael Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors, Nevis House Beechwood Park Inverness.

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#### BALANCE SHEET

## AT 31ST MARCH 2004

	Note	£ 2	004 £	20 £	03 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible fixed assets	3		891,912		979,489
CURRENT ASSETS Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand		18,241 149,516 1,226		8,971 155,428 1,658	
	_	163,693		166,057	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	4	931,358	_	406,781	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(767,665)		(240,724)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABILITIES	5	124,247		737,765
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	5		406,817		505,032
NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS		-	(282,570)		232,733
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Profit and loss account	6	-	100,000 (382,570)		100,000
		-	(282,570)	-	232,733

We have relied on the exemptions for individual accounts on the grounds that the Company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a Small Company.

The accounts 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 on pages 2 to  $5\,$  were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 January 2005, and were signed on its behalf by:

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#### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT

Notwithstanding the deficiency of net assets these accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, as: (1) the holding company has undertaken to defer settlement of sums due to them in order that the interests of third party creditors are protected; (2) the directors have made arrangements to ensure sufficient future funds can be made available to meet third party creditors as they fall due; (3) post year end management accounts show reduced losses and the directors are confident that the company can be returned to profitability by March 2005.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Accounting Convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

#### b) Depreciation

The cost of fixed assets is written off over their expected useful lives as follows:-

Helicopters - 5% straight line
Equipment - 10% straight line
Motor Vehicles - 25% reducing balance

#### c) Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

#### d) Deferred taxation

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

#### e) Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution executive pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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#### f) Hire purchase

Assets acquired under hire purchase agreements are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The interest element of hire purchase repayments are charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the agreement and represent a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

#### 3. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Helicopters £	Equipment £	Motor Vehicle £	s Total
COST					
At 31st March 2003 Additions Disposals	51,525 - -	1,200,525	171,582 - -	69,697 - -	1,493,329 - -
At 31st March 2004	51,525	1,200,525	171,582	69,697	1,493,329
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATIO	М				
At 31st March 2003 Charge for the year Disposals	- - -	421,284 60,027		32,129 9,392	514,840 86,577
At 31st March 2004		481,311	78,585	41,521	601,417
NET BOOK VALUE At 31st March 2004	51,525	719,214	92,997	28,176	891,912
At 31st March 2003	51,525	779,241	110,155	37,568	978,489

Included in motor vehicles are vehicles financed under hire purchase agreements, at cost £12,029 (2003: £21,999), accumulated depreciation £4,413 (2003: £5,649) and net book value of £7,616 (2003: £16,350).

Freehold property represents land acquired for the establishment of a helicopter base.

## 4. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year

Creditors, amounts falling due within one year include a bank overdraft of £8,908 (2003: £60,627) and a bank loan of £97,751 (2003: £97,751) which were secured by an aircraft mortgage and a floating charge over the assets of the company and by a guarantee from the holding company. Also included are hire purchase creditors of £2,083 (2003: £15,649) which are secured over certain motor vehicles.

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## 5. CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year

Creditors, amounts falling due after more than one year include a bank loan of £406,817 (2003: £502,949) which is secured by an aircraft mortgage and a floating charge over the assets of the company and by a guarantee from the holding company. Also included are hire purchase creditors of £nil (2003: £2,083) which are secured over certain motor vehicles.

6. SHARE CAPITAL	Authorised f.	Allotted, Called up and fully paid	
At 31 March 2004	L	L .	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	100,000	
At 31 March 2003			
Ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	100,000	
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## 7. HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is Larsen and Ross Limited, a company registered in Scotland.