

HSBC GLOBAL CUSTODY NOMINEE (UK) LIMITED

Registered Number 228660

Balance Sheet as at year ended 31 December 2003

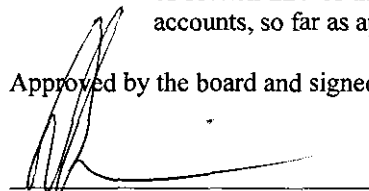
	2003 £	2002 £
Current assets		
Other debtors	100	100
Other creditors	-	-
Net current assets	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	100	100
Equity shareholders' funds	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Statements:

- (a) For the year ended 31 December 2003 the Company was entitled to exemption under subsection (1) of section 249AA of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of these accounts in accordance with subsection (2) of section 249B of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Act"); and
 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226 of the Act and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf on

14 May 2004 by



G Woolfries
Director
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited



Parent undertaking

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of which the Company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up is HSBC Bank plc.

The parent undertaking of the largest group of which the Company is a member and for which group accounts are drawn up is HSBC Holdings plc, and is the company regarded by the Directors as being the Company's ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party as at 31 December 2003.

The consolidated financial statements of HSBC Bank plc and HSBC Holdings plc are available to the public and may be obtained from HSBC Holdings plc, Group Corporate Affairs, 8 Canada Square, London, E14 5HQ.