

HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited
(formerly MSS Nominees Limited)

Registered Number 228660

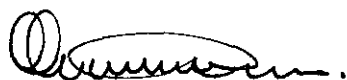
Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2000

	31/12/00 £	31/12/99 £
Current assets		
Other debtors	100	100
Other creditors	-	-
Net current assets	100	100
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	100	100
Equity shareholders' funds	100	100

Statements

- a) For the period ended 31 December 2000 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- b) Members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- c) The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- i) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
 - ii) 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, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

Approved by the board and signed on its behalf on 24 October 2001 by:



Director
HSBC Global Custody Nominee (UK) Limited



Parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent company is HSBC Bank plc.

The Company's ultimate controlling party as defined under Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" (FRS 8) is HSBC Holdings plc. The Company is controlled, as defined in FRS 8, by HSBC Holdings plc.

The financial statements of the Company are consolidated within the results of HSBC Holdings plc.

The consolidated financial statements of HSBC Holdings plc are available to the public and may be obtained from HSBC Holdings plc, Group Corporate Affairs, 10 Lower Thames Street, London EC3R 6AE.