

BALANCE SHEET
at 31 March 2004

	Notes	31/3/04 £	31/3/03 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	2	1,443,875	1,443,875
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
	3	(300,036)	(300,036)
NET ASSETS		<u>1,143,839</u>	<u>1,143,839</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	4	1,000,000	1,000,000
Share premium account		657,313	657,313
Profit and loss account		(513,474)	(513,474)
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>1,143,839</u>	<u>1,143,839</u>

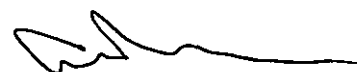
For the year ended 31 March 2004 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

1. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
2. 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 requirement of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Board of Directors on ~~30~~ July 2004 and signed on their behalf by:



S M Burgess
Director



NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

at 31 March 2004

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

2. DEBTORS

	31/3/04 £	31/3/03 £
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	<u>1,443,875</u>	<u>1,443,875</u>

3. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	31/3/04 £	31/3/03 £
At the beginning and end of the year	<u>300,036</u>	<u>300,036</u>

A Statement of Claim has been received from Qatar Industrial Development Company ("Qidco") claiming Q.Riyals 20 millions (£3.0 million) in connection with a Management Agreement entered into between Qidco and the company dated 25 March 1980, the benefit and obligations of which were transferred to Guinness Peat (Overseas) Limited ("GPO") on 28 July 1982.

The company has offered to pay Qidco on behalf of GPO, an ex gratia sum of QR 550,000 (£82,667) against which Qidco countered with a figure of QR 1.55 million (£232,971). The company continues to defend this action and has also made related claims against its insurers. £300,036 has been provided in respect of the claim, including provision for legal costs and the directors consider that this provision will be adequate to cover any liability. The company has indemnified GPO for any losses it might suffer under the action up to £500,000.

4. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	31/3/04 £	31/3/03 £
Authorised		
6,000,000 ordinary shares of 25p each	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
4,000,000 ordinary shares of 25p each	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>

5. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Guinness Mahon Group Services Limited.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Investec plc, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The consolidated financial statements of Investec plc are available to the public and may be obtained from Investec plc at 2 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7QP.