Report and Financial Statements

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2003

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants Crawley

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the company consist of the design, development, manufacturing and marketing of connectors and connector systems, flat cable and unit assemblies for diversified markets.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS

During the year the group intensified its focus within its main market sectors, realigning resources on a corporation wide basis to best service the needs of the customers and meet targeted revenue and profitability growth expectations.

The company continued to consolidate its leading position in Military and Aerospace within the UK, benefiting from the development of application specific, higher margin products and its successful selection on targeted key programmes.

The company also continued to extend its presence in Europe on designated products and programmes, building a platform for future growth opportunities.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The company will continue to leverage its dominant position on all major UK programmes, whilst developing available markets by selective targeting of key customers and market sectors.

The directors are optimistic that further growth will be achieved by realising opportunities from a continual philosophy of new product development, whilst extending their expertise and resources to accelerate penetration in the European market place.

Given the continuous pressure on prices within some market sectors, margin protection will continue to be a major focus, being pursued through rigorous cost reduction programmes and product range streamlining.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,048,000 (2002 – £748,000). No dividends were payable during the year (2002 - £nil). The position of the company at the year end is shown on page 7.

DIRECTORS

The directors, who served throughout the year and up to the date of this report, are shown on page 1.

DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

No director had any interest in any group company incorporated in Great Britain. As the company is ultimately wholly owned by a body corporate incorporated outside Great Britain, the directors are not required to notify the company of interests in shares or debentures of that or any other member of the group incorporated outside Great Britain.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

During 2003 the company continued its research and development in both the commercial/industrial and military/avionics fields. Costs charged to the profit and loss account amounted to £885,000 (2002 - £786,000).

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During the year the company made charitable donations amounting to £1,000 (2002 - £1,000).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

EMPLOYMENT POLICY

The company has continued to expand its communication methods to inform, advise, consult and negotiate on the different aspects of the business. These include:

- a complete briefing structure for all levels of employees on a monthly basis where information is given regarding the company's results and forecasts covering overall functions and departmental issues;
- · consultations with trade unions; and
- regular meetings with elected and non-affiliated staff representatives.

The company's policy in relation to the employment of disabled persons is:

- full consideration is given to job applications received from disabled persons. Where disabled persons have the aptitudes and abilities necessary for the job, sympathetic consideration is given to their application;
- where an employee becomes disabled whilst employed by the company, arrangements are made wherever possible
 for retraining in order to perform a job identified as appropriate to the aptitudes and abilities of the individual
 concerned; and
- encouragement is given in the retraining, career development and promotion of all employees including disabled employees.

AUDITORS

A resolution regarding the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Martin H. Loeffler

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year 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 the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF AMPHENOL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Amphenol Limited for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 17. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Crawley

24 November 2004

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
TURNOVER	2	32,488	26,700
Cost of sales		(23,881)	(19,971)
Gross profit		8,607	6,729
Distribution costs		(2,413)	(2,293)
Administrative expenses		(3,922)	(4,005)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	2,272	431
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(19)	(6)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE			
TAXATION		2,253	425
Tax (charge)/credit on profit on ordinary activities	6	(205)	323
RETAINED PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION FOR THE			
FINANCIAL YEAR	14	2,048	748

There are no recognised gains or losses nor movements in shareholders' funds for the current and prior years other than as stated above.

All results are from continuing operations.

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	4,235	4,816
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	8	_	
		4,235	4,816
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	9	4,867	6,289
Debtors	10	22,538	19,885
Cash at bank and in hand		465	_ 118
		27,870	26,292
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	(20,770)	(21,821)
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NET CURRENT ASSETS		7,100	4,471
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		11,335	9,287
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	13	4,079	4,079
Share premium account		140	140
Profit and loss account	14	7,116	5,068
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		11,335	9,287

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 21 October 2004.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Martin H Director

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land and assets in the course of construction are not depreciated. For other assets, depreciation is provided on cost in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold buildings Over 40 years

Leasehold improvements

Plant and machinery

Between 4 and 10 years

Fixtures and fittings

Between 4 and 10 years

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment in value.

Stocks

Stocks and work-in-progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and production overheads appropriate to the relevant stage of production. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off as incurred.

Deferred taxation

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

Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. These translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Pension costs

The expected cost of providing pensions, as calculated periodically by professionally qualified actuaries, is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost over the service lives of employees in the scheme in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and expected future pensionable payroll.

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The company continues to account for pension costs in accordance with SSAP 24, Accounting for pension costs. In order to comply with the requirements of FRS 17, Retirement Benefits, the company has disclosed the relevant information in note 15b to the accounts. None of the amounts disclosed in note 15b need to be recognised in the primary statements of the company during this transitional period.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax. Turnover is derived from a single business segment.

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	UK	24,592	22,099
	Rest of Europe	4,424	2,955
	Other	3,472	1,646
		32,488	26,700
3.	INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Directors' emoluments		
	Emoluments of the directors		-
		No.	No.
	Average number of persons employed		
	Office and management	140	144
	Manufacturing	217	213
		357	357
		£'000	£'000
	Staff costs during the year		
	Wages and salaries	4,808	5,309
	Social security costs	609	516
	Pension costs	874	742
		6,291	6,567
4.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Operating profit is after charging/(crediting):		
	Research and development costs	885	786
	Depreciation – owned assets	594	701
	Operating lease payments - plant and machinery	465	554
	- other	156	156
	Rental income	(97)	(65)
	Foreign exchange (profit)/loss	(115)	89

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Auditors' remuneration -	audit fees	63	60
-	other professional fees	37	20
			

5. INT	EREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
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Ban	k interest payable	19	
6. TAX	ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
(a)	Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities		
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Current tax		
	United Kingdom corporation tax charge at 30% (2002 –		
	30%) based on the profit for the period	(217)	258
	Group relief		(258)
	Total current tax	(217)	•
	Deferred tax		
	Timing differences, origination and reversal	(26)	91
	Adjustments in respect of prior periods	38	232
		(205)	323
(b)	Factors affecting current tax credit for the year		
	The tax assessed for the period is different to that resulting from applying the tax in the UK 30% - (2002 - 30%). The differences are explained below:	ne standard rate	of corpora
	(2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,253	425
	Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities at standard rate	(676)	(128)
	Effects of:		
	Disallowed expenses and non-taxable income	(12)	(48)
	Capital allowances different to depreciation	60	145
	Movement in short term timing differences	(59)	(221)
	Other deferred tax movements	24	(6
	Group relief	446	258
	Total actual amount of current tax	(217)	-

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Leasehold improvements £'000	Plant and machinery £'000	Fixtures and fittings £'000	Assets in the course of con- struction £'000	Total £'000
Cost						
At 1 January 2003	5,388	314	15,981	207	5	21,895
Additions	-	-	92	3	-	95
Reclassifications	-	-	5	-	(5)	-
Disposals	(32)		(618)	(37)		(687)
At 31 December 2003	5,356	314	15,460	173		21,303
Accumulated depreciation	n					
At 1 January 2003	3,256	294	13,380	149	-	17,079
Charge for the year	102	2	469	21	-	594
Disposals	(21)		(554)	(30)		(605)
At 31 December 2003	3,337	296	13,295	140	-	17,068
Net book value						
At 31 December 2003	2,019	18	2,165	33	<u>-</u>	4,235
At 31 December 2002	2,132	20	2,601	58	5	4,816

Included within the cost of freehold land and buildings is land of £23,000 (2002 - £23,000).

8. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The company's investments represent the cost of its 100% interest in the ordinary shares of Amphenol-Borg Pension Trustees Limited (cost £10) and Spectra Strip Limited (cost £139), both of which are incorporated in Great Britain. Amphenol-Borg Pension Trustees Limited acts as a trustee and Spectra Strip Limited is dormant. The company takes advantage of the exemption conferred by the Companies Act s.228 not to prepares consolidated financial statements as Amphenol Holding UK, Limited, the UK parent company, prepares consolidated financial statements. The information presented in these financial statements is about the company and not its group.

9. STOCKS

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Raw materials and consumables	377	4,131
Work-in-progress	3,676	1,046
Finished goods and goods for resale	814	1,112
		

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4,867 6,289

10.	DEBTORS		
		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Trade debtors	4,006	4,733
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	16,741	13,239
	Deferred tax asset (see note 12)	335	323
	Other debtors	909	949
	Prepayments and accrued income	547	641
		22,538	19,885
11.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2003	2002
		£'000	£'000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	_	613
	Trade creditors	2,753	3,432
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	15,262	15,493
	Corporation tax	217	-
	Other creditors including taxation and social security	47	38
	Accruals and deferred income	2,491	2,245
		20,770	21,821
		20,770	
12.	DEFERRED TAX ASSET		
	Deferred tax asset		
	As at Januar 200 £°00	ry Recognised 3 in year	As at 31 December 2003 £'000
	Deferred tax asset 32	23 12	335
	The amounts provided in the accounts are as follows:	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	336	297
	Other timing differences	(671)	(598)
	Royalties	(5/2)	(22)
		(335)	(323)
			

A deferred tax asset has been recognised, the recoverability of which is dependent upon sufficient taxable profits at the time the asset crystallises.

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

		2003 £'000	2002 £'000
	Authorised:		
	4,129,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,129	4,129
	Called up, allotted and fully paid:		
	4,079,139 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,079	4,079
14.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
			2003 £'000
	At 1 January 2003		5,068
	Retained profit for the financial year		2,048
	At 31 December 2003		7,116

15a. PENSIONS

The company participates in the Amphenol Pension Plan. The scheme is a defined benefit plan providing benefits to certain employees within the company based on final pensionable pay. The assets are held separately from the company's assets, and are invested with Scottish Widows Fund and Life Assurance Society and Britannic Asset Management.

Pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of a qualified actuary using the projected unit method. The latest actuarial valuation of the Amphenol Pension Plan was at 1 January 2002 which assessed the market value of the pension scheme assets to be £12,116,000. The actuarial value of these assets represented 94% of the value of benefits that had accrued to members of the pension scheme based on service to 1 January 2002 after allowing for future increases in earnings. The excess is being eliminated over 16 years, the average remaining service life of current employees in the scheme through reduced company contributions. The assumptions which have the most significant effects on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increases in salaries and pensions. It was assumed that the investment rate of return would be 6.0% - 6.5% per annum, that salary increases would average 3% per annum compounded annually and that future pensions would be at the rates required in the pension scheme rules.

No employer contributions were made during 2002 as the company was undergoing a contribution holiday. Costs amounting to £905,300 (2002 - £742,000) have been charged to the profit and loss account reflecting the spreading of cost over the service lives of employees in the scheme. Included within creditors is a cumulative balance of £1,986,800 (2002 - £1,742,500) representing the excess of costs charged over contributions paid.

15b. ADDITIONAL PENSION DISCLOSURES

In order to comply with the disclosure requirements of FRS 17, Retirement Benefits, the following information in respect of the Amphenol Pension Plan is presented as at 31 December 2003. The amounts disclosed in this note have not been recognised in the primary statements of the company during the transitional period.

A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 1 January 2002 and updated to 31 December 2003 by a qualified independent actuary on a projected unit basis. The major assumptions used by the actuary were:

	2003	2002	2001
Valuation at 31 December 2003			
Rate of increase in salaries	3.00%	3.00%	3.50%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.75%	2.50%	2.50%
Discount rate	5.50%	5.50%	6.00%
Inflation assumption	2.75%	2.50%	2.50%

The assets in the scheme and the expected rate of return were:

Valuation at 31 December 2003 and reconciliation to the prospective balance sheet

	2003 Expected long term rate of return	2003 Fair Value £'000	2002 Expected long term rate of return	Fair Value £'000	2001 Expected long tern rate o return	l 1 Fair f Value
Equities	7.00%	9,073	7.00%	7,264	7.25%	•
Bonds	5.50%	1,118	5.50%	1,150	6.00%	•
Property Cash	5.50% 4.00%	462 316	6.00% 4.00%	450 326	6,50% 4.00%	
Total fair value of assets		10,969		9,190		12,713
Present value of scheme liabilities		17,887		16,365		12,713
Deficit in the scheme		(6,918)		(7,175)		-
Related deferred tax asset		(2,075)		2,152		
Net pension liability		(4,843)		(5,023)		<u>-</u>
Profit and loss reserve note					2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Profit and loss reserve Existing SSAP 24 accrual					7,321 1,987	5,068 1,743
Profit and loss reserve excluding SSA FRS 17 pension liability	P 24 accrual				9,308 (4,843)	6,811 (5,023)

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Profit and loss reserve including FRS 17 pension liability

4,465

1,788

15b. ADDITIONAL PENSION DISCLOSURES (continued)

Analysis of the movement in the scheme deficit during the year		
Year ending 31 December 2003	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Opening deficit in the scheme Current service cost Financial (expense)/ income Actuarial gains/(losses)	(7,175) (832) (261) 688	(778) 94 (6,491)
Closing deficit in the scheme	(7,580)	(7,175)
Amounts included within operating profit		
Year ending 31 December 2003	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Current service cost	832	778
Amounts included as other finance income		
Year ending 31 December 2003	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Expected return on scheme assets Interest on scheme liabilities	654 (915)	864 (770)
Net finance return	(261)	94
Amounts included in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses		
Year ending 31 December 2003	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Difference between actual and expected return on scheme assets Experience gains/ (losses) arising on scheme liabilities Effects of changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme	747 220	(3,848) (599)
liabilities	(279)	(2,044)
Total actuarial gains and losses recognised in the STRGL	688	(6,491)
Difference between actual and expected return on scheme assets Amount (£'000) % of scheme assets	747 6.81%	(3,848) (41.87%)
Experience gains/ (losses) arising on scheme liabilities Amount (£'000) % of the present value of the scheme liabilities	220 1.23%	(599) (3.66%)

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Amount (£'000) 688 (6,491) % of the present value of the scheme liabilities 3.85% (39.66%)

16. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

	2003	2002
	£'000	£'000
Capital commitments		
Contracted for but not provided	6	15

Operating lease commitments

At 31 December 2003 the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

	Land and buildings 2003 £'000	Other 2003 £'000	Land and Buildings 2002 £'000	Other 2002 £'000
Leases which expire:				
Within one year	37	121	-	58
Within two to five years	107	254	102	402
After five years		-	54	
	144	375	156	460
				

17. RELATED PARTIES, ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING ENTITY

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to disclose transactions with other group companies as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking.

The immediate parent company is Amphenol-Borg Limited, incorporated in Great Britain.

Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Amphenol Holding UK, Limited, the smallest group of which the company is a member and for which consolidated financial statements are available, can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The ultimate parent company is Amphenol Corporation, a company incorporated in the United States of America, which is the largest group of which the company is a member and for which consolidated financial statements are available. Copies of these consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Amphenol Corporation, 358 Hall Avenue, Wallingford, CT 06492, USA.

The ultimate controlling entities at the balance sheet date were KKR 1996 Fund L.P., NXS Associates L.P. and KKR Partners II L.P.