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BONDS WORLDWIDE EXPRESS LIMITED (formerly Bonds plc)

Group financial statements 30 September 2002

Group financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2002

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Directors, officers and advisers

Directors

Mr J Davis Mrs K S Waters

Secretary

Mr R R Rogers

Registered office

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Company Number

1938935

Auditors

Chantrey Vellacott DFK Russell Square House 10-12 Russell Square London WC1B 5LF

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2002

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2002.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the group during the year was that of couriers.

Business review and future developments

Profitability improved during the year and it is expected that current policies will result in further improvements in profitability in 2003.

The company re-registered as a private company under the name of Bonds Worldwide Express Limited on 23 January 2003.

Dividends

During the year the company paid £100,000 (2001: £100,000).

In view of the company's current and future requirements and the maintenance and developments of the company's business, the directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 October 2001:

Mr J Davis Mrs K S Waters

Directors' interests in shares

Directors' interests in the shares of the company, including family interests, were as follows:

	Ordinary shai	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	2002	2001	
Mr J Davis	50,000	50,000	
Mrs K S Waters	8,824	8,824	

Policy on payment of creditors

The company agrees terms and conditions for business transactions with its suppliers. Payment is then made in accordance with these terms, subject to the terms and conditions being met by the supplier. The number of days purchases represented by creditors is 30 days (2001 : 30 days).

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2002

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

Auditors

The auditors, Chantrey Vellacott DFK, having been appointed during the year following the resignation of Baker Tilly, have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution for their reappointment will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 2 April 2003 and signed on their behalf by:

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Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Bonds Worldwide Express Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Bonds Worldwide Express Limited for the year ended 30 September 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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 auditor's 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 the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom 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 to you 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 and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board of the Accountancy Foundation. 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.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Bonds Worldwide Express Limited

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group and the company as at 30 September 2002 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chantrey Vellagott OCK CHANTREY VELLACOTT DFK

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors London

4 April 2003

Group profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2002

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
Turnover	2	3,740,104	4,255,032
Cost of sales		(1,795,609)	(1,948,217)
Gross profit		1,944,495	2,306,815
Other operating expenses	3	(1,786,140)	(2,225,392)
		158,355	81,423
Other operating income	4	25,000	14,583
Operating profit		183,355	96,006
Profit from disposal of investment		33,884	•
Interest receivable		7,143	4,733
Interest payable	5	(25,997)	(48,670)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	198,385	52,069
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(43,355)	(18,295)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		155,030	33,774
Dividends	9	(100,000)	(100,000)
Profit/(loss) for the year	19	55,030	(66,226)

The operating profit for the year arises from the group's continuing activities.

No separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Group balance sheet as at 30 September 2002

	Notes	2002 £	2001 £
Fixed assets		**	~
Tangible assets Investments	11 12	675,970 7,349	821,558 39,349
		683,319	860,907
Current assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	851,504 16,303	1,001,012 2,179
		867,807	1,003,191
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(835,395)	(1,176,675)
Net current assets (liabilities)		32,412	(173,484)
Total assets less current liabilities		715,731	687,423
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(145,775)	(166,744)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	16	(2,547)	(8,300)
		567,409	512,379
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	17 18 19	58,824 41,176 467,409	58,824 41,176 412,379
Shareholders' funds	20	567,409	512,379

Approved by the Board on 2 April 2003

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K S WATERS Director

Company balance sheet as at 30 September 2002

	Notes	2002	2001
Fixed assets		£	£
Tangible assets Investments	11 12	675,970 57,400	737,031 89,400
Current assets		733,370	826,431
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	851,504 16,303	467,222 371
		867,807	467,593
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(836,085)	(583,310)
Net current liabilities		31,722	(115,717)
Total assets less current liabilities		765,092	710,714
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(145,775)	(142,674)
Provision for liabilities and charges	16	(805)	(6,500)
		618,512	561,540
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	17 18 19	58,824 41,176 518,512	58,824 41,176 461,540
Shareholders' funds	20	618,512	561,540
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Approved by the Board on 2 April 2003

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K S WATERS Director

Group cash flow statement for the year ended 30 September 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
Cash flow from operating activities	21a	311,349	281,720
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2 1b	(18,854)	(43,937)
Taxation		(39,677)	(3,000)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	21b	142,872	108,534
		395,690	343,317
Equity dividends paid		(100,000)	(100,000)
Cash inflow before financing		295,690	243,317
Financing	21b	(282,034)	(326,955)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the period		13,656	(83,638)

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

2002 £	2001 £
13,656	(83,638)
282,034	326,955
(161,713)	(211,784)
133,977	31,533
(488,418)	(519,951)
(354,441)	(488,418)
	£ 13,656 282,034 (161,713) 133,977 (488,418)

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items that are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Basis of consolidation

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Bonds Worldwide Express Limited and Bonds Worldwide Express (Birmingham) Limited and Bladerunner Worldwide Couriers Limited made up to 30 September 2002. No profit and loss account is presented for Bonds Worldwide Express Limited as provided by S230 (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

(c) Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value, net of Value Added Tax, of goods sold and services provided to customers.

(d) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery Motor bikes and vehicles

10%-33% per annum straight line 10%-25% per annum straight line

(d) Deferred taxation

FRS 19 'Deferred tax' requires full provision, subject to certain exceptions, for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and for tax purposes. Previously, Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP) 15 'Accounting for deferred tax' required recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities to the extent that it was probable timing differences would reverse in the foreseeable future. This change in accounting policy has had no effect on the prior year results. FRS 19 has no impact on cash flows.

(e) Leased assets and obligations

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance leases"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

Lease payments on finance leases are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

Interest on hire purchase contracts is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

1. Accounting policies

(f) Pension contributions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. Pension costs charged against profits represent the amounts payable to the scheme in respect of the year.

(g) Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost, less any provision for diminution in value.

2. Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The group's turnover and profit before taxation were all derived from its principal activity. All sales were made in the United Kingdom.

3.	Other operating expenses	2002 £	2001 £
	Distribution costs Administrative expenses	641,062 1,145,078	951,929 1,273,463
		1,786,140	2,225,392
4.	Other operating income	2002 £	2001 £
	Rents receivable	25,000	14,583
5.	Interest payable	2002 £	2001 £
	On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans repayable within 5 years: Finance leases and hire purchase contracts Bank loans and overdrafts	25,612 385	48,045 625
		25,997	48,670
6.	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2002 £	2001 £
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation and amounts written off tangible fixed assets: Charge for the year: owned assets leased assets (Profit)/loss on disposals Provision for diminution in value of fixed asset investments Operating lease rentals: Plant and machinery Land and buildings Auditors' remuneration	94,788 169,984 (32,259) - 91,541 74,035 9,000	143,461 145,954 43,357 8,000 192,454 76,625 15,750

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

7.	Emple	oyees	2002 No.	2001 No.
		verage monthly number of persons (including directors) byed by the group during the year was:	140.	140.
		e and management ct labour	22 53	27 68
			75	95
			2002 £	2001 £
	Staff	costs for the above persons:	~	~
		es and salaries	1,260,772	1,363,081
		al security costs	104,393	122,198
		pension costs	4,233	2,040
			1,369,398	1,487,319
	Direc	ctors' remuneration	2002	2001
			£	£
		ries and taxable benefits	136,532	163,503
	Amo	unt paid to money purchase pension schemes		-
	Total	emoluments	136,532	163,503
			Number	Number
		number of directors to whom relevant benefits		
	are a	accruing under money purchase pension schemes was	1	1
8.	Taxa	ation on profit on ordinary activities	2002	2001
	(a)	Analysis of charge in period	£	£
		Current tax:		
		UK corporation tax on profits of the period Adjustments in respect of previous periods	48,908 200	39,358 (1,763)
		Total current tax (note 8(b))	49,108	37,595
		Deferred tax:		
		Origination and reversal of timing differences	(5,753)	(19,300)
		Total deferred tax	(5,753)	(19,300)
		Tax on profit on ordinary activities	43,355	18,295

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

8. Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

(b) Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK

The differences are explained below:

The differences are explained solow.	2002 £	2001 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	198,385	52,069
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.5% (2001 : 20.0%)	38,685	11,971
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes UK dividends received Capital allowances for period in (excess) of qualifying	(4,493) -	15,280
depreciation Group relief (claimed)/surrendered	14,716	12,107
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	200	(1,763)
Current tax charge for the period (note 8(a))	49,108	37,595
9. Dividends	2002 £	2001 £
Paid in the year	100,000	100,000

10. Profit of the parent company

The parent company's profit for the financial year amounted to £56,972 (2001: £14,453).

11.

BONDS WORLDWIDE EXPRESS LIMITED (formerly BONDS plc)

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings plant and machinery £	Motor bikes and vehicles £	Total £
Group	~	~	~
Cost:			
At 1 October 2001	386,256	1,037,399	1,423,655
Additions	7,220	157,234	164,454
Disposals	•	(208,968)	(208,968)
At 30 September 2002	393,476	985,665	1,379,141
Depreciation:			
At 1 October 2001	230,802	371,295	602,097
Charge for the year	57,414	207,358	264,772
Disposals	•	(163,698)	(163,698)
At 30 September 2002	288,216	414,955	703,171
Net book value:			
At 30 September 2002	105,260	570,710	675,970
At 31 September 2001	155,454	666,104	821,558
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The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes £497,882 (2001 : £537,026) in respect of assets held under hire purchase contracts.

	Fixtures, fittings plant and machinery £	Motor bikes and vehicles £	Total £
Company	~	-	~
Cost	•		
1 October 2001	379,398	904,734	1,284,132
Transfer from subsidiary undertaking	6,858	132,665	139,523
Additions	7,220	157,234	164,454
Disposals		(208,968)	(208,968)
At 30 September 2002	393,476	985,665	1,379,141
Depreciation			
At 1 October 2001	226,786	320,315	547,101
Transfer from subsidiary undertaking	4,016	50,980	54,996
Charged in the year	57,414	207,358	264,772
Disposals	-	(163,698)	(163,698)
At 30 September 2002	288,216	414,955	703,171
Net book value			
At 30 September 2002	105,260	570,710	675, 9 70
At 30 September 2001	152,612	584,419	737,031
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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

11. Tangible fixed assets

The net book value of tangible assets includes £497,882 (2001 : £491,340) in respect of assets held under hire purchase contracts.

12.	Fixed asset investments			Unlisted investments
	Group			
	Cost			
	At 1 October 2001			47,349
	Disposals			(32,000)
	At 30 September 2002			15,349
	Provision for diminution in value			
	1 October 2001			8,000
	Provision in year			-
	At 30 September 2002			8,000
	Net book value			
	At 30 September 2002			7,349
	At 30 September 2001			39,349
		Subsidiary undertakings £	Other investments	Total £
	Company			
	Cost			
	At 1 October 2001	50,051	47,349	97,400
	Disposals	<u>-</u>	(32,000)	(32,000)
	At 30 September 2002	50,051	15,349	65,400
	Provision for diminution in value			
	At 1 October 2001	-	8,000	000,8
	Provision in year	-	•	- ***
	At 30 September 2002		8,000	8,000
	Net book value			
	At 30 September 2002	50,051	7,349	57,400
	At 30 September 2001	50,051	39,349	89,400

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

12. Fixed asset investments

The company has a 100% holding in the ordinary share capital of the following companies:-

Name of company	Country of incorporation	Nature of business
Bonds Worldwide Express (Birmingham) Limited	England	Couriers (now dormant)
Bladerunner Worldwide Couriers Limited	England	Couriers (now dormant)

Other investments are unlisted. In the opinion of the directors, their market value at 30 September 2002 was not less than the balance sheet value.

13.	Debtors		Group	Company	
		2002	2001	2002	2001
		£	£	£	£
	Due within one year:				
	Trade debtors	221,473	230,457	221,473	103,982
	Discounted debtors	506,185	612,606	506,185	172,781
	Amounts owed by group	·	·	·	
	undertakings	•	-	-	46,513
	Director's current accounts	61,213	105,200	61,213	105,200
	Other debtors	7,984	, -	7,987	· <u>-</u>
	Prepayments	54,649	52,749	54,649	38,746
		851,504	1,001,012	851,504	467,222
	Directors' current accounts are ma	ide up as follows:			
			Maximum amount		
			outstanding	2002	2001
			£	£	£
	Mr J Davis		192,772	61,213	105,200
	Mrs K S Waters		10,784	•	-
			203,556	61,213	105,200
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Advances to Mr J Davis bore interest of 6.25% from 1 October 2001 to 5 January 2002 and at 5% from 6 January 2002 to 30 September 2002 and are repayable on demand. The interest payable during the year ended 30 September 2002 amounted to £7,143 (2001: £3,784).

Advances to Mrs K S Waters are interest free and are repayable on demand.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

14.	Creditors : amounts falling due within

one year	G	Broup	Co	mpany
·	2002	2001	2002	2001
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdraft	5,170	4,702	5,170	2,422
Obligations under finance leases				
and hire purchase contracts	219,800	319,151	219,800	280,283
Trade creditors	98,304	181,105	98,304	72,390
Invoice discounting current account	215,317	436,747	215,317	130,261
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	890	7,468
Corporation tax	48,789	39,358	48,589	-
Other taxation and social				
security costs	113,216	98,071	113,216	36,966
Directors' current accounts	69,610	8,923	69,610	-
Other creditors	-	21,977	-	21,463
Accruals and deferred income	65,189	66,641	65,189	32,057
	835,395	1,176,675	836,085	583,310
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Bank overdrafts amounting to £5,170 (2001: £2,422) are secured by a debenture giving fixed and floating charges on all assets of the company.

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the related assets.

Directors' current accounts are made up as follows:

	C	Broup	Company		
	2002	2001	2002	2001	
	£	£	£	£	
Mr J Davis	-	_	-	-	
Mrs K S Waters	69,610	8,923	69,610	-	
	69,610	8,923	69,610	-	
					

Mrs K S Waters paid £75,000 into the bank account on 27 September 2002. This was repaid by the Company to Mrs K S Waters on 2 October 2002.

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the related assets and are fully repayable within five years.

15.	Creditors: amounts falling due after	(Group	Company		
	more than one year	2002 £	2001 £	2002 £	2001 £	
	Obligations under finance lease and					
,	hire purchase contracts	145,775	166,744	145,775	142,674	
			 			

Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the related assets and are fully repayable within five years.

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

16.	Provisions for liabilities and charges	2002 £	2001 £
	Group	~	~
	Accelerated capital allowances Pension (assets)	2,747 (200)	8,300
	Undiscounted provision for deferred tax	2,547	8,300
	Provision at start of period Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account for period	8,300 (5,753)	
		2,547	
	Company	2002 £	2001 £
	Accelerated capital allowances Pension (assets)	1,005 (200)	6,500
	Undiscounted provision for deferred taxation	805	6,500
	Provision at start of period Transfer from subsidiary undertaking Deferred tax credit in profit and loss account for period	6,500 1,800 (7,495) 805	
		 =	

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the unprovided potential liability are as follows:

		Amoun	Amount provided		Unprovided liability	
		2002 £	2001 £	2002 £	2001 £	
	Accelerated capital allowances	805	6,500	-	=32====3	
17.	Share capital			2002 £	2001 £	
	Authorised:			_	4-	
	1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each			1,000,000	1,000,000	
	Allotted, issued and fully paid:					
	58,824 ordinary shares of £1 each			58,824	58,824	
18.	Share premium account			2002 £	2001 £	
	At 1 October 2001 and 30 September	2002		41,176	41,176	

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

19.	Profit an	d loss account	2002 £	Grou	յթ 2001 £	2002 £	ompany 2001 £
	-	ober 2001 ss) for the financial year	412,379 55,030		478,605 (66,226)	461,540 56,972	447,087 14,453
	At 30 Se	ptember 2002	467,409	-	412,379	518,512	461,540
20.		iliation of movement in Iders' funds					
				Gro			ompany
			2002 £		2001 £	2002 £	2001 £
	Profit/(lo Dividend	ss) for the financial year Is paid	155,030 (100,000)		33,774 (100,000)	156,972 (100,000)	114,453 (100,000)
	shareho	ition (reduction to) olders' funds g shareholders' funds	55,030 512,379		(66,226) 578,605	56,972 561,540	14,453 547,087
	Closing	shareholders' funds	567,409		512,379	618,512	561,540
21.	Cash fi	ows				2002 £	2001 £
	a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities Operating profit Depreciation Provision for diminution in value of fixed asset investments Decrease/(increase) in debtors (Decrease) in creditors (Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets Net cash flow from operating activities				183,355 264,772 211,765 (316,284) (32,259) 311,349	96,006 289,415 8,000 (141,854) (13,204) 43,357 281,720	
	b)	Analysis of cash flows for h	eadings ne	etted i	n the cash flo	W	<u>————</u>
		Returns on investments and s Interest received Interest paid Interest element for finance le	•			7,143 (386) (25,611)	4,733 (625) (48,045)
		Net cash outflow for returns of finance	s on invest	ment	and servicing	(18,854)	(43,937)

Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 30 September 2002

21. Cash flows

b)	Analysis of cash flows for h	eadings netted	in the cash flow	v	
	-			2002	2001
			A	£	£
	Capital expenditure and fina Purchase of tangible fixed ass		ent	(2,741)	(2,007)
	Sale of tangible fixed assets			77,529	126,541
	Purchase of fixed assets inves	stments		-	(16,000)
	Sale of fixed asset investment	:		68,084	-
	Net cash inflow for capital e	xpenditure		-	
	and financial investments			142,872	108,534
				 -	= 3 =
	Financing				
	Capital element of finance lea	ise rental paym	ents	282,034	(326,955)
۵)	Avaluate of shares in mat d	-5-4			
c)	Analysis of change in net de	ept At 1		Other	At 30
		October		Non cash	September
		2001	Cash flows	changes	2002
		£	£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	2,179	14,124	-	16,303
	Overdrafts	(4,702)	(468)	•	(5,170)
		(2,523)	13,656		11,133
	Finance leases	(485,895)	282,034	(161,713)	(365,574)
					
	Total	(488,418)	295,690	(161,713)	(354,441)
					

d) Major non-cash transactions

During the year the company purchased tangible fixed assets with a cost of £161,713 (2001: £211,784) under hire purchase agreements.

22. Commitments under operating leases

At 30 September 2002 the group and company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2002	2001	2002	2001
	£	£	£	£
Land and buildings				
expiring within two to five years	54,750	63,350	54,750	52,500
expiring after five years	10,850	-	10,850	_
Other				
expiring within one year	3,610	48,104	3,610	48,104
expiring within two to five years	24,777	45,603	24,777	45,603
	93,987	157,057	93,987	146,207

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23. Contingent liability

There is a multilateral guarantee between Bonds Plc and Bonds Worldwide Express (Birmingham) Limited. This relates to the agreement between these companies and Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited.

The maximum amount of the contingent liability at 30 September 2002 was £NIL (2001: £350,000).

24. Ultimate controlling parties

The company is under the ultimate control of its directors whose respective shareholders are disclosed in the directors' report.

Detailed profit and loss account For the year ended 30 September 2002

	2002	2001
	£	£
Sales	3,740,104	4,255,032
Cost of sales		
Self-employed riders	420,253	575,990
Next day and overnight costs	235,531	74,501
Subcontract couriers	105,940	382,118
Radio and mobile phone costs	38,996	12,268
Drivers' wages	684,761	853,402
International costs	310,128	49,938
	1,795,609	1,948,217
Distribution		
Insurance	26,026	12,817
Riders' accessories	4,779	7,339
Advertising	8,943	44,330
Motor running expenses	518,671	701,727
Motor vehicle leasing	82,643 —————	185,715
	641,062	951,929
Administrative expenses		
Rent	74,035	76,625
Rates	21,225	18,601
Insurance	11,149	10,778
Light and heat	4,491	5,021
Cleaning	2,564	2,869
Repairs and maintenance	4,091	1,701
Security Staff polaries	1,737	1,409
Staff salaries Staff pension	452,177	502,245
Directors' remuneration	4,233 114,067	2,040
Staff training and recruitment	28,592	129,633 10,009
Private health insurance	2,331	1,472
Printing, postage and stationery	18,013	21,759
Subscriptions	1,467	862
Telephone	31,249	36,954
Computer costs	6,081	4,494
Motor running expenses	42,092	22,603
Equipment lease costs	9,449	11,005
Travelling expenses	3,125	7,182
Entertainment	•	13,086
Audit fees	9,000	15,750
Legal and professional	14,863	3,960
Consultancy	5,009	3,641
Carried forward	861,040	903,700

Detailed profit and loss account For the year ended 30 September 2002

	2002 £	2001 £
Brought forward	861,040	903,700
Bank charges Invoice discounting Credit control Sundry expenses Depreciation (Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets Provision for bad debts	6,249 26,588 6,654 - 264,771 (32,259) 12,035	6,727 38,686 4,950 1,702 269,400 43,357 4,941
	1,145,078	1,273,463
Other operating income	25,000	14,583
Operating profit	183,355	96,006