

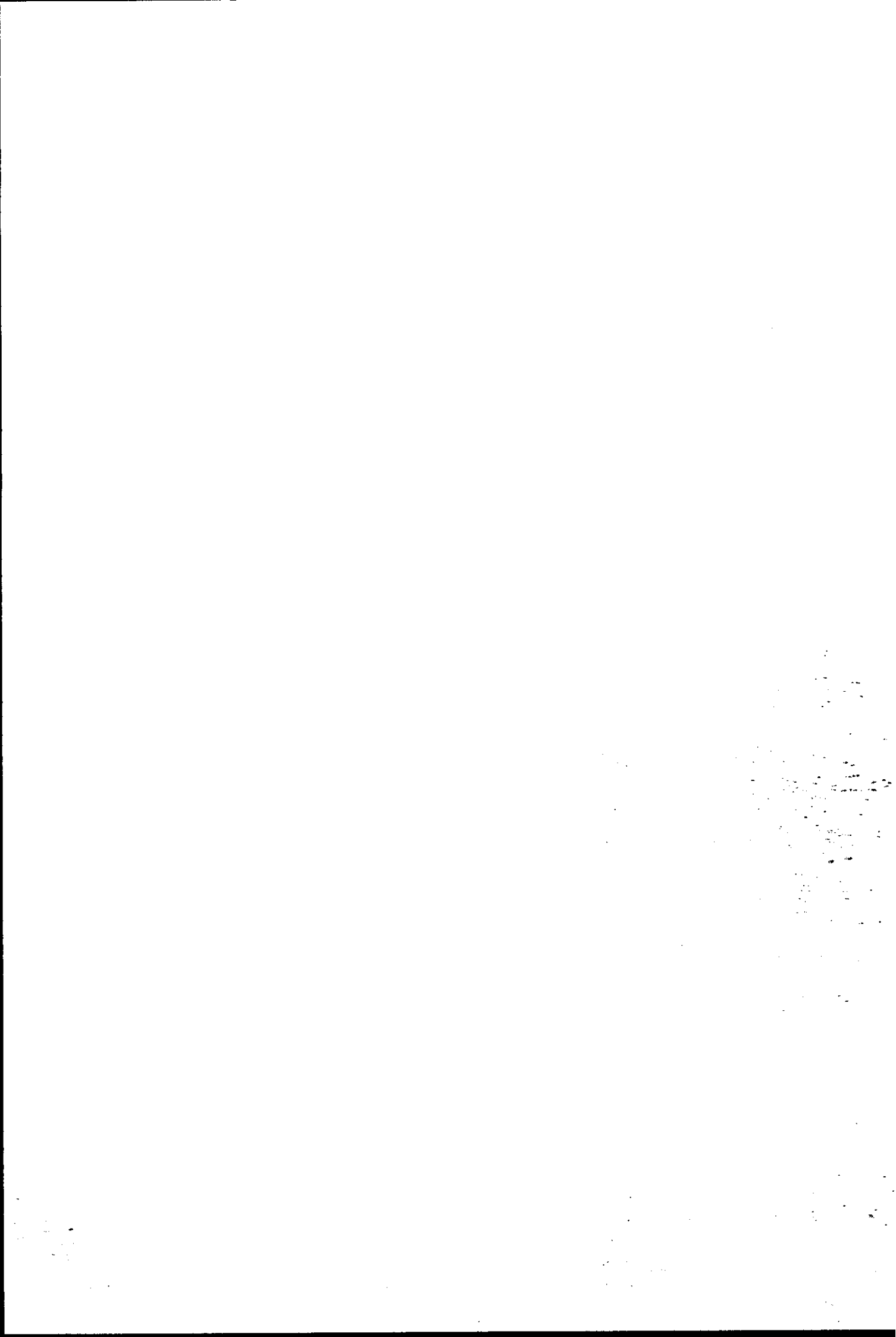
**Licensed Wholesale Company Limited**  
Financial statements  
For the year ended 30 September 2003



**Company No. 2053090**

## Company information

<b>Company registration number :</b>	2053090
<b>Registered office :</b>	Green Lane Patricroft Eccles Manchester M30 0RJ
<b>Directors :</b>	Mr R M Gray Mr E K Mukadam Mr P Lewis Mr K Littlewood
<b>Secretary :</b>	Mr P D Sumner
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<b>Auditors :</b>	Grant Thornton Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants Heron House Albert Square Manchester M60 8GT



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## Report of the directors

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2003.

### Principal activity

The company's principal activity is retailing and wholesaling wines, spirits and beers and the production of own brand products.

The subsidiary undertakings, Dateprofit Limited and Rogersons (Wines and Spirits) Limited, are dormant companies, Abbey Head Limited is a corporate trustee.

### Results and dividends

The directors are pleased to report an increase in turnover from £50,673,907 in 2002 to £59,166,486 for the year ended 30 September 2003 and an increase in cash in the year of £3,764,187, of which £4,262,349 has been generated from operating activities.

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £172,607 (2002 : £376,560). The directors paid a dividend of £20,000 (2002 : £20,000) leaving the amount of £152,607 (2002 : £356,560) to be transferred to reserves.

Included within the results is a payment to directors of £2,900,000, which has been reinvested in the company in the form of a loan after the year-end.

### Directors

The directors of the company and their interests in the share capital at the end of the year are listed below. All served on the Board throughout the year.

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	2003	2002
R M Gray	20,001	20,001
E K Mukadam	5,333	5,333
P Lewis	—	—
K Littlewood	—	—

### Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

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 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, 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.

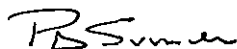
The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are also responsible for ensuring that the directors report is prepared in accordance with company law in the United Kingdom.

**Auditors**

Grant Thornton offer themselves for reappointment as auditors in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Mr P D Sumner  
Secretary

26 April 2004

## Report of the independent auditors to the members of Licensed Wholesale Company Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Licensed Wholesale Company Limited for the year ended 30 September 2003 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and notes 1 to 25. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with 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 other information contained in the directors' report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We 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 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.

Grant Thornton 

## Report of the independent auditors to the members of Licensed Wholesale Company Limited

### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



GRANT THORNTON  
REGISTERED AUDITORS  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
MANCHESTER

26 April 2004



## Principal accounting policies

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

The directors have reviewed the accounting policies in accordance with FRS 18 "Accounting Policies" and have concluded that no changes were required from the previous year.

### Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for goods supplied and services provided, excluding VAT and trade discounts.

### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land by equal annual instalments over their expected useful economic lives. The rates generally applicable are:

Freehold buildings	2% straight line on 20% of cost
Leasehold properties	over the period of the lease
Plant and machinery	20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	25% reducing balance
Fixtures and fittings	25% straight line

### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Cost includes materials, direct labour and an attributable proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal levels of activity. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price, less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

### Investment income

Investment income comprises dividends declared during the accounting period and interest receivable on listed and unlisted investments.

### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the group an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet.

### Contributions to pension funds

#### Defined Contribution Scheme

The pension costs charged against profits represent the amount of the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

## Principal accounting policies

### **Leased assets**

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and depreciated over their expected useful lives. The interest element of leasing payments represents a constant proportion of the capital balance outstanding and is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease.

All other leases are regarded as operating leases and the payments made under them are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

### **Development costs**

All development costs are written off in the year of expenditure.

### **Goodwill**

Purchased goodwill is capitalised and is amortised on a straight line basis over its estimated useful economic life.

As a matter of accounting policy, purchased goodwill first accounted for in accounting years ended before 23 December 1998, the implementation date of FRS 10, was eliminated from the financial statements by immediate write off on acquisition against reserves. Such goodwill will be charged or credited to the profit and loss account on the subsequent disposal of the business to which it relates.

## Profit and loss account

<b>Continuing activities</b>	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Turnover	1	59,166,486	50,673,907
Cost of sales		<u>(47,665,932)</u>	<u>(41,151,461)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>11,500,554</b>	<b>9,522,446</b>
Distribution costs		(3,974,572)	(3,790,245)
Administrative expenses		(7,423,533)	(5,160,993)
Other operating income		<u>—</u>	<u>6,863</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>102,449</b>	<b>578,071</b>
Interest receivable		20,181	2,663
Interest payable	3	<u>(113,684)</u>	<u>(126,081)</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	1	<b>8,946</b>	<b>454,653</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	<u>163,661</u>	<u>(78,093)</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>172,607</b>	<b>376,560</b>
Dividends payable	5	(20,000)	(20,000)
<b>Profit retained and transferred to reserves</b>	16	<u><u>152,607</u></u>	<u><u>356,560</u></u>

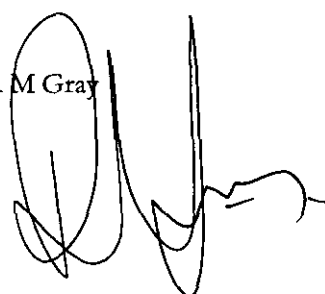
There were no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the financial year.

## Balance sheet

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Intangible assets	6	1,667	6,668
Tangible assets	7	2,013,141	1,969,208
Fixed asset investments	8	2,598	2,598
		<u>2,017,406</u>	<u>1,978,474</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stocks	9	4,501,757	4,785,480
Debtors	10	6,509,424	4,439,817
Cash at bank and in hand		1,470,916	6,411
		<u>12,482,097</u>	<u>9,231,708</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>(12,104,319)</u>	<u>(9,054,921)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>377,778</u>	<u>176,787</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>2,395,184</u>	<u>2,155,261</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	12	(199,988)	(112,672)
<b>Provisions for liabilities and charges</b>	14	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
		<u>2,195,196</u>	<u>2,042,589</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	15	45,334	45,334
Capital redemption reserve	16	21,335	21,335
Profit and loss account	16	2,128,527	1,975,920
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	17	<u>2,195,196</u>	<u>2,042,589</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 April 2004.

R M Gray



Director

## Cash flow statement

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
<b>Net cash inflow from operating activities</b>	18	<u>4,262,349</u>	<u>834,594</u>
<b>Returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>			
Interest received		20,181	2,663
Interest paid		(92,897)	(106,438)
Finance lease interest paid		<u>(20,782)</u>	<u>(19,643)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance</b>		(93,498)	(123,418)
<b>Taxation</b>		(102,522)	(266,800)
<b>Capital expenditure and financial investment</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(248,927)	(411,342)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		67,124	69,887
Investments – own shares		<u>–</u>	<u>(500,100)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and financial investment</b>		(181,803)	(841,555)
<b>Acquisitions</b>			
Purchase of business		<u>–</u>	<u>(242,223)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from acquisitions</b>		–	(242,223)
<b>Equity dividends paid</b>		<u>(20,000)</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
<b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing</b>		3,864,526	(659,402)
<b>Financing</b>			
Capital element of finance lease rentals		<u>(100,339)</u>	<u>(68,487)</u>
<b>Net cash outflow from financing</b>		(100,339)	(68,487)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year</b>	19	<u><u>3,764,187</u></u>	<u><u>(727,889)</u></u>

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation are attributable to the company's principal activity.

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after :

	2003 £	2002 £
Depreciation		
– owned	290,505	297,306
– held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	59,850	50,233
Auditors' remuneration		
– audit	20,745	18,000
– non-audit	51,500	8,900
Amortisation of goodwill	5,001	3,486
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	13,396	50,652
Hire of plant and machinery under operating leases	76,763	55,759
Other operating lease rentals	272,093	229,749

### 2 Directors and employees

	2003 £	2002 £
Staff costs during the year were as follows :		
Wages and salaries	7,387,675	3,696,547
Social security costs	376,286	301,110
Pension contribution	27,782	12,836
	<u>7,791,743</u>	<u>4,010,493</u>

	2003 Number	2002 Number
The average number of employees during the year was :		
Administration, selling and distribution	<u>224</u>	<u>209</u>

The total amounts for directors' remuneration and other benefits was as follows :

	2003 £	2002 £
Emoluments	3,133,955	580,781
Pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	5,407	7,913
	<u>3,139,362</u>	<u>588,694</u>

The remuneration in respect of the highest paid director was as follows :

	2003 £	2002 £
Emoluments	<u>2,636,600</u>	<u>370,000</u>

Retirement benefits are accruing to 1 director under money purchase pension schemes.

### 3 Interest payable and similar charges

	2003 £	2002 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	92,902	106,438
Hire purchase interest	20,782	19,643
	<u>113,684</u>	<u>126,081</u>

### 4 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The taxation (credit)/charge is based on the profit for the year and represents :

	2003 £	2002 £
Current tax		
UK Corporation tax at 30% (2002 : 30%)	16,095	115,000
Adjustment in respect of prior period	(163,756)	152,032
	<u>(147,661)</u>	<u>267,032</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(16,000)	(188,939)
	<u>(163,661)</u>	<u>78,093</u>

#### Factors affecting the tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom. The differences are explained as follows :

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>8,946</u>	<u>454,653</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 30% (2002 : 30%)	2,684	136,396
Effect of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	6,051	18,359
Capital allowances for the period in excess of depreciation	23,250	45,014
Short term timing differences	(4,418)	(58,207)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(163,756)	152,032
Marginal relief	(11,472)	(26,562)
	<u>(147,661)</u>	<u>267,032</u>

### 5 Dividends

	2003 £	2002 £
Equity dividends		
Ordinary dividends – paid on 20,000 shares	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>

During the year shareholders holding 25,334 shares waived their right to receive a dividend.

## 6 Intangible fixed assets

	Goodwill £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 October 2002	15,545
Additions	—
At 30 September 2003	<u>15,545</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>	
At 1 October 2002	8,877
Charge for the year	5,001
At 30 September 2003	<u>13,878</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 September 2003	<u>1,667</u>
At 30 September 2002	<u>6,668</u>

## 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures and fittings £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 October 2002	1,117,479	261,589	293,560	718,899	689,288	3,080,815
Additions	—	1,433	215,106	190,372	67,897	474,808
Disposals	—	—	(32,719)	(226,167)	(3,500)	(262,386)
At 30 September 2003	<u>1,117,479</u>	<u>263,022</u>	<u>475,947</u>	<u>683,104</u>	<u>753,685</u>	<u>3,293,237</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 October 2002	18,808	147,111	209,434	301,652	434,602	1,111,607
Provided in the year	2,177	27,308	108,710	110,664	101,496	350,355
Disposals	—	—	(24,343)	(157,523)	—	(181,866)
At 30 September 2003	<u>20,985</u>	<u>174,419</u>	<u>293,801</u>	<u>254,793</u>	<u>536,098</u>	<u>1,280,096</u>
<b>Net book amount</b>						
At 30 September 2003	<u>1,096,494</u>	<u>88,603</u>	<u>182,146</u>	<u>428,311</u>	<u>217,587</u>	<u>2,013,141</u>
<b>Net book amount</b>						
At 30 September 2002	<u>1,098,671</u>	<u>114,478</u>	<u>84,126</u>	<u>417,247</u>	<u>254,686</u>	<u>1,969,208</u>

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase have a net book value of £290,634 (2002 : £220,218).  
Depreciation charged for the year was £59,850 (2002 : £50,233).



## 8 Fixed asset investments

	Licensed Wholesale Company Limited Employee Benefit Trust £	Shares in subsidiary undertakings £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2002	98	2,500	2,598
Additions	—	—	—
Diminution in value	—	—	—
At 30 September 2003	<u>98</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,598</u>

See note 24 for details of the Employee Benefit Trust.

The company had the following subsidiary undertakings as at 30 September 2003 :

Name of subsidiary	Country of incorporation	Class of share capital held	Proportion held by the company	Nature of business
Dateprofit Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary £1	100%	Dormant
Rogersons (Wines and Spirits) Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary £1	100%	Dormant
Abbey Head Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary £1	100%	Corporate trustee
Jollys (Cornwall) Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary £1	100%	Dormant
Robinrate Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary £1	100%	Dormant

## 9 Stocks

	2003 £	2002 £
Finished goods	<u>4,501,757</u>	<u>4,785,480</u>

## 10 Debtors

	2003 £	2002 £
Trade debtors	5,491,752	4,203,692
Other debtors	750,276	31,819
Corporation tax recoverable	13,258	—
Prepayments and accrued income	172,138	138,306
Deferred taxation (Note 14)	<u>82,000</u>	<u>66,000</u>
	<u>6,509,424</u>	<u>4,439,817</u>

**11 Creditors : amounts falling due within one year**

	2003 £	2002 £
Bank loans and overdraft	–	2,299,682
Trade creditors	6,328,766	4,220,381
Other creditors	316,418	366,049
Corporation tax	–	236,925
Other taxation and social security	1,523,700	998,218
Accruals and deferred income	3,826,245	862,707
Obligations under financing arrangements	109,190	70,959
	<u>12,104,319</u>	<u>9,054,921</u>

**12 Creditors : amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2003 £	2002 £
Obligations under financing arrangements	<u>199,988</u>	<u>112,672</u>

**13 Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases**

Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are analysed between amounts payable :

	2003 £	2002 £
Within one year	109,190	70,959
After one and within two years	82,672	26,502
After two and within five years	117,316	86,170
	<u>309,178</u>	<u>183,631</u>

Obligations under hire purchase contracts and finances are secured on the assets concerned.

**14 Deferred taxation**

	Asset 2003 £	Asset 2002 £
At 1 October 2002	(66,000)	122,939
Movement in the year	<u>(16,000)</u>	<u>(188,939)</u>
At 30 September 2003	<u>(82,000)</u>	<u>(66,000)</u>

Deferred taxation asset in the financial statements is set out below.

	Amount provided	
	2003	2002
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	(70,000)	(48,000)
Other timing differences	(12,000)	(18,000)
	<u>(82,000)</u>	<u>(66,000)</u>

## 15 Share capital

	2003	2002
	£	£
<b>Authorised</b>		
1,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
20,001 "A" Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,001	20,001
20,000 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
5,333 "C" Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,333	5,333
	<u>45,334</u>	<u>45,334</u>

## 16 Reserves

	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account
	£	£
At 1 October 2002	21,335	1,975,920
Profit for the year	—	152,607
At 30 September 2003	<u>21,335</u>	<u>2,128,527</u>

## 17 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2003	2002
	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	2,042,589	1,686,029
Profit for the financial year	152,607	356,560
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>2,195,196</u>	<u>2,042,589</u>

**18 Net cash inflow from operating activities**

	2003 £	2002 £
Operating profit	102,449	578,071
Depreciation	350,355	347,539
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	5,001	3,488
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets	13,396	49,303
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	283,723	(745,206)
Increase in debtors	(1,340,349)	(1,101,460)
Decrease in creditors	4,847,774	1,202,857
Diminution in value of EBT	—	500,002
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>4,262,349</u>	<u>834,594</u>

**19 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt**

	2003 £	2002 £
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	3,764,187	(727,889)
Cash outflow from finance leases	100,339	68,487
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	<u>3,864,526</u>	<u>(659,402)</u>
Inception of finance leases	<u>(225,881)</u>	<u>(89,129)</u>
Movement in net debt in the year	3,638,645	(748,531)
Net debt at 1 October 2002	<u>(2,476,903)</u>	<u>(1,728,372)</u>
Net debt at 30 September 2003	<u>(1,161,742)</u>	<u>(2,476,903)</u>

**20 Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 October 2002 £	Cashflows £	Non-cash changes £	At 30 September 2003 £
Cash at bank and in hand	6,411	1,464,505	—	1,470,916
Bank overdraft	(2,299,682)	2,299,682	—	—
	<u>(2,293,271)</u>	<u>3,764,187</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1,470,916</u>
Finance leases	<u>(183,632)</u>	<u>100,339</u>	<u>(225,881)</u>	<u>(309,174)</u>
	<u>(2,476,903)</u>	<u>3,864,526</u>	<u>(225,881)</u>	<u>1,161,742</u>

## 21 Guarantees and other financial commitments

### Leasing commitments

	2003		2002	
	Land and buildings £	Other £	Land and buildings £	Other £
Operating leases which expire :				
– within one year	16,068	40,724	117,500	3,969
– between two to five years	56,500	27,719	23,500	50,510
– after five years	84,600	8,116	83,500	–
	<u>157,168</u>	<u>76,559</u>	<u>224,500</u>	<u>54,479</u>

## 22 Capital commitments

	2003 £	2002 £
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>

## 23 Contingent liabilities

The company has composite guarantee dated 20 March 1997 with Dorbiere Limited, Priortriple Limited, Robinrate Limited and Abbey Head Limited. At 30 September 2002, these companies had bank overdrafts totalling £Nil (2002 : £Nil).

## 24 Employee benefit trust

The company has established an Employee Benefit Trust with the object of promoting employee loyalty and goodwill. Contributions during the year totalled £Nil (2002 : £500,100) and distributions made during the year were £Nil (2002 : £500,002).

In accordance with FRS 5 – "Reporting the Substance of Transactions", trust assets of £501,671 (2002 : £515,570) have been incorporated into the company's balance sheet.

## 25 Related party transactions

Under the disclosure requirement of Financial Reporting Standard 8 – "Related Party Disclosures", the company is a related party of the following:

- Dorbiere Limited
- Priortriple Limited
- Robinrate Limited
- Moonshine Corporation Limited
- Dorbiere Directors' Benefit Pension Scheme

During the year Licensed Wholesale Company Limited sold goods amounting to £1,894,343 (2002 : £1,809,193) to Dorbiere Limited. The company also purchased goods and services from Dorbiere Limited, £5,430,101 (2002 : £5,671,582). Dorbiere Limited is related through common ownership.

At 30 September 2003 the company was owed £195,235 (2002: £179,408) by Dorbiere Limited, included in trade debtors and £13,851 (2002 : £Nil) included in other debtors.

At the same date the company owed £562,096 (2002 : £656,631) to Dorbiere Limited, included in trade creditors, £Nil (£27,342) to Dorbiere Limited, included in other creditors, and £Nil (£100,000), included in accruals and deferred income.

During the year the company paid rents to Dorbiere Directors' Pension Scheme which amounted to £273,379 (2002 : £262,004).