Company Registration No. 2540492

3D EUROPEAN HOLDINGS LTD (FORMERLY 3D SYSTEMS EUROPE LTD)

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2003



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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DIRECTORS REPORT

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

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The principal activity of the group is the marketing and selling of solid imaging systems designed to reduce the time it takes to produce three-dimensional objects. The products produce physical objects from the digital output of solid or surface data from computer aided design and manufacturing and related computer systems, and include SLA® systems, SLS® systems and ThermoJet® solid object printers. The company also markets and supplies services and materials in order to maintain and run the system hardware.

Turnover from the European group declined by 8.9% to £26.2m. The group made an operating profit for the year of £1,085,000 compared with a loss of £2,860,000 for the previous year principally due to a gross margin increase of 0.8 percentage points and a reduction in expenses of £4.5m. Margin increase is due to increased sell prices and improved mix across the region in which the company operates. The expense reduction is a combination of items reflecting rationalisation over the past 18 months. 2002 included severance costs of approximately £600,000 and bad debt provisions of £800,000 which did not reoccur in 2003. 2003 benefited from reduced run rate costs in the areas of headcount, reduced marketing activities, lower amortisation and professional fees in addition to the closure of the Sales Office in Spain.

FUTURE PROSPECTS

The global solid imaging market continues to expand and 3D Systems is well placed with an increasing range of hardware, software and consumables to take advantage of this. With a lower cost base from the restructuring in 2002 and 2003 the European business looks stronger than ever before.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The consolidated profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2002: £ nil).

POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

Effective from 1 January 2004, the assets and undertaking of 3D Systems Europe Limited (registered no. 2540492) were transferred to its wholly owned subsidiary, 3D European Holdings (registered no. 4192367). Also, effective 1 January 2004, there was a name swap between the two companies.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who held office since 1 January 2003 were as follows:

M J Taylor K McAlea

G P White (Appointed 26 August 2003)
G Flaharty (Resigned 28 July 2003)
R P Schmit (Resigned 28 July 2003)
E J Selzer (Resigned 28 July 2003)

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any interest in the shares of the company.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The group employs people regardless of disability.

The group makes every effort to make the working environment one which includes the needs of disabled people.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

Employees are kept up to date with developments in the group through regular group-wide announcements and group briefings. There are regular forums to discuss company issues.

AUDITORS

A resolution to appoint BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as auditors was made following the accepted resignation of Deloitte & Touche LLP after completion of the 2002 accounts.

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

M J Taylor

13 October 2004

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group 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 a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group 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 the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF 3D EUROPEAN HOLDINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY 3D SYSTEMS EUROPE LIMITED)

We have audited the financial statements of 3D European Holdings Limited (formerly 3D Systems Europe Limited) for the year ended 31 December 2003 on pages 5 to 19. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Companies Act 1985 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

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 affairs of the group and the company at 31 December 2003 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BOO Stor Harward LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London

13th October 2004

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year Ended 31 December 2003

	Note		
		2003 £000's	2002 £000's
TURNOVER	2	26,161	28,712
Cost of sales		(18,421)	(20,451)
GROSS PROFIT		7,740	8,261
Selling costs Administrative expenses		(4,276) (2,379)	(6,708) (4,413)
OPERATING PROFIT / (LOSS)	3	1,085	(2,860)
Bank interest receivable & similar income Interest payable & similar charges	6	8 (268)	26 (435)
PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		825	(3,269)
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	7	(188)	(139)
PROFIT / (LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	15	637	(3,408)

All amounts relate to continuing operations

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2003

	Note	Group 2003 £000's	Group 2002 £000's
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Assets	8	1,581	2,761
CURRENT ASSETS		1,581	2,761
Stock	10	1,955	4,202
Debtors	11	7,893	12,770
Cash in hand and at Bank		2,445	869
		12,293	17,841
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,379)	(19,060)
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		914	(1,219)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,495	1,542
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13	0	(2)
		2,495	1,540
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up Share Capital	14	6,907	6,907
Profit and Loss Account	15 	(4,412)	(5,336)
Other reserves	15	0	(31)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		2,495	1,540
Attributable to equity shareholders		2,495	(5,357)
Attributable to non-equity shareholders		0	6,897

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13th October 2004. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

M J Taylor Director

13th October 2004

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2003

	Note	Company 2003 £000's	Company 2002 £000's
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	8	426	766
Investments	9	6,110	5,922
CURRENT ASSETS		6,536	6,688
Stock	10	440	733
Debtors	11	2,675	7,010
Cash in hand and at Bank		97	71
		3,212	7,814
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,434)	(11,300)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(3,222)	(3,486)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,314	3,202
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13	0	(15)
		3,314	3,187
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up Share Capital	14	6,907	6,907
Profit and Loss Account	15	(3,593)	(3,720)
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		3,314	3,187
Attributable to equity shareholders		3,314	(3,710)
Attributable to non-equity shareholders		0	6,897

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13th October 2004

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES as at 31 December 2003

GROUP	2003 £000's	2002 £000's
Profit / (loss) for the year Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	637 318	(3,408) 98
Total recognised gains and losses for the year	955	(3,310)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more significant accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention.

Basis of Consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the company and its subsidiaries. Profits arising on trading between group companies are excluded.

Investments

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

Tangible Fixed Assets

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental expenses of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The estimated useful lives for rhe main categories of tangible fixed assets are:

	Years
Plant & Equipment	4-5
Leasehold Improvements	4

Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Foreign exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account in the year in which they arise.

For consolidation purposes, the assets and liabilities and profit and loss accounts of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the closing exchange rates. Exchange differences arising on these translations are taken to reserves and the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

Operating Leases

The rental charges of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the leases.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In general, cost is determined on a first in, first out basis and includes all direct expenditure. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving or defective stocks.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax and trade discounts, represents the invoiced value of the goods and services supplied. Revenue on maintenance contracts is taken to the profit and loss account on a monthly basis across the annual life of the contract.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in a 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.

Pension costs

The costs of funding the defined benefit pension scheme operated by the group are estimated on the basis of indendent actuarial advice and a charged to the profit and loss account over the expected services lives of the participating employees.

The company also contributes to certain employees' private pension schemes. The amount charged to the profit and loss represents the contributions payable in of the financial year.

Cash Flow Statement and Related Party Disclosures

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of 3D Systems Inc (a company registered and listed on the Stock Exchange in the United States) and is included in the consolidated financial statements of 3D Systems Inc., which are publicly available. Consequently, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996).

The company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the 3D Systems Inc group.

Prior Year Adjustment

Following a review of the Group's intangible assets a prior year adjustment has been recorded in relation to eliminating group intangible assets. The effect of this on the financial statements is explained in note 15.

YSIS OF TURNOVER	Group 2003 £000's	Group 2002 £000's
voiced value (net of sales taxes) of the goods and services arising ne principal activity of the group can be attributable to the group's nt geographical as follows: Kingdom eas	5,712 20,449 26,161	6,919 21,793 28,712
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

4 EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees employed by the group within each category of persons was:

	Group 2003 No.	Group 2002 No.
Sales and marketing Service and technical Administration staff	22 62 20	22 67 21
	104	110
The costs incurred in respect of these employees were:	Group 2003 £000's	Group 2002 £000's
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	4,206 870 143	5,131 779 184
Analysis of Other Pension Costs:	5,219 Group 2003	6,094 Group 2002
Defined contribution schemes Defined benefit schemes	£000's 65 78	£000's 72 112
5 DIRECTORS	143 Group	184 Group
	2003 £000's	2002 £000's
Emoluments of directors of the parent company included in staff costs were as follows:		205
Aggregate emoluments Company contributions to money purchase schemes Compensation for loss of office	162 8 0	265 14 181
	170	460

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £119,000 (2002: £101,000)

Retirement benefits accrue to 1 (2002: 1) directors under money purchase schemes and nil (2002: nil) directors under defined benefit schemes.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

6 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

0 INTEREST FATABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	Group 2003 £000's	Group 2002 £000's
Bank interest payable Interest payable to parent company	5 263	12 423
	268	435
7 TAX ON PROFIT / LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
	Group 2003 £000's	Group 2002 £000's
UK Corporation tax Adjustment in respect of prior year Overseas tax	147 1 152	74 (8) 113
Total current taxation	300	179
Deferred tax	(112)	(40)
Total taxation charge	188	139
The tax assessed for the current year is higher than results from ap differences are explained below:	plying the standard rate of corporati	on tax in the UK. The
(Profit) / loss on ordinary activities before tax	(825)	3,269
Tax at 30% thereon Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation/(depreciation in exces	248 10 s	(981) 155
of capital allowances)	35	8
Increase in tax losses Movement in short term timing differences	0 (2)	441 78
Effect of overseas tax rates	36	107
Utilisation of brought forward losses	(28)	0
Consolidation adjustments Adjustments in respect of prior year	0 1	379 (8)
Total current taxation	300	179

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements		
	to	Plant	
•	Leasehold	&	Total
Group	Buildings	Equipment	
0.4.4.4	£000's	£000's	£000's
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2003	626	5,974	6,600
Translation adjustment	30	401	431
Additions	7	374	381
Disposals	(8)	(1,678)	(1,686)
At 31 December 2003	655	5,071	5,726
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2003	340	3,499	3,839
Translation adjustment	22	243	265
Charge for the year	111	996	1,107
Disposals	(6)	(1,060)	(1,066)
At 31 December 2003	467	3,678	4,145
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2003	188	1,393	1,581
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At 31 December 2002	286	2,475	2,761
	Improvements		
	to	Plant	
	Leasehold	&	Total
Company	Buildings	Equipment	
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Cost or valuation			
At 1 January 2003	263	1,172	1,435
Additions	0	61	61
Disposals	0	(177)	(177)
At 31 December 2003	263	1,056	1,319
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2003	81	589	670
Charge for the year	66	224	290
Disposals	0	(67)	(67)
At 31 December 2003	147	746	893
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Net Book Value At 31 December 2003	116	310	426
		310	420
At 31 December 2002	182	584	766

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

9 INVESTMENTS HELD AS FIXED ASSETS

Company	Shares at Cost £000's
Cost: At 1 January 2003 Additions	9,670 380
At 31 December 2003	10,050
Provision for impairment At 1 January 2003 Impairment charge for the year	3,748 192
At 31 December 2003	3,940
Net Book Value: At 31 December 2003	6,110
At 31 December 2002	5,922

The addition in the year relates to an increased cash investment in 3D Systems Solid Imaging SA. The company owns 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of the following companies which are incorporated in the countries as shown:

Name Country of Incorporation

3D Systems France SARL	France
3D Systems GmbH	Germany
3D Systems Italia SRL	Italy
3D Systems Solid Imaging SA	Spain
3D Systems Europe Limited (formerly 3D European Holdings Limited)	ÚK

All of the companies operate in the country in which they are incorporated and are engaged in the business sectors detailed in the directors' report.

10 STOCKS	Group		Compa	Company	
	2003 £000's	2002 £000's	2003 £000's	2002 £000's	
Stocks held for resale and servicing of customer					
machines	1,955	4,202	440	733	

In the opinion of the directors the replacement cost of stock is not materially different to the amounts at which it is stated in the accounts.

11 DEBTORS	Group		Company	
	2003 £000's	2002 £000's	2003 £000's	2002 £000's
Trade debtors	7,351	9,357	1,818	2,700
Amounts owed by parent company	0	2,052	0	2,053
Amounts owed by other group undertakings	43	15	622	2,039
Corporation tax recoverable	95	248	0	28
Other debtors	140	461	8	52
Prepayments and accrued income	154	637	117	138
Deferred taxation (note 13)	110	0	110	0
	7,893	12,770	2,675	7,010

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

Company

Depreciation

Interest

Provisions

Tax effect of timing differences because of:

Excess of tax allowances over

Unpaid Pension Contributions

12	CREDITORS:	AMOUNTS	FALLING	DUE WITHIN	ONE YEAR
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	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Trade creditors	778	1,192	125	117
Amounts owed to parent undertaking	4,708	11,021	4,289	6,451
Amounts owed to other group undertakings	108	1,158	390	3,590
Corporation tax	69	23	85	24
Other creditors	92	44	0	0
Other taxation and social security	740	655	318	177
Accruals and deferred income	4,884	4,967	1,227	941
	11,379	19,060	6,434	11,300
13 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			Group	Company
Provision for deferred taxation				
At 1 January 2003			(2)	(15)
Credit to the profit and loss account		_	112	125
At 31 December 2003		_	110	110
The current provision for deferred taxation is zero and taxation in note 11.	there is a debtor bala	nce of £110,000 w	hich is shown in t	he debtor
Group			2003	2002
Cloup			£000's	£000's
Tax effect of timing differences because of:				
Excess of tax allowances over				
Depreciation			16	(8)
Interest			93	0
Provisions			1	4
Unpaid Pension Contributions			0	2
			110	(2)
			<u> </u>	

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Company

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

14 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2003	2002
Authorised:	£000's	£000's
12,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	12.000	11
7,000,000 preference shares of £1 each	7,000	7,000
	19,000	7,011
Called up, allotted and fully paid:		
6,906,553 ordinary shares of £1 each	6,907	10
6,896,550 preference shares of £1 each	0	6,897
	6,907	6,907

In December 2003 the preference shares were redeemed in exchange for ordinary shares on a 1 for 1 basis.

The preference shares entitle the holder to have the right on a winding up or other return of capital to repayment in priority to any payment to the holders of any other shares in the capital group of the amounts paid up on the preference shares held by them. The preference shares do not entitle the holder to any further rights or other participation in the profits or assets of 3D European Holdings Ltd nor do they carry any voting rights. The company has the right to redeem all or some of the preference shares at any time subject to the company giving sufficient notice of such redemption to the holders of the preference shares.

15 RESERVES

Group	Other Reserve £000's	Profit and Loss Account £000's	Total £000's
At 1 January 2003 as previously stated	(104) 73	(5,638) 302	(5,742)
Prior year adjustment At 1 January 2003	(31)	(5,336)	<u>375</u> (5,367)
Retained profit for the year Currency translation difference on	(-1)	637	637
foreign currency net investments	31	287	318
At 31 December 2003	(0)	(4,412)	(4,412)

The prior year adjustment relates to elimination of group intangible assets previously recognised. Such group intangible assets are no longer recognised in the group financial statements.

Company	Profit and Loss Account £000's
At 1 January 2003 Retained profit for the year	(3,720) 127
At 31 December 2003	(3,593)

The company has taken advantage of s230 of the Companies Act 1985 and consequently a profit and loss account for the company alone is not presented. The profit of the parent company for the year was £127,000 (2002: loss £4,601,000).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

16 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Group	2003 £000's	2002 £000's
Opening shareholders' funds as previously stated	1,165	4,475
Prior year adjustment	375	
At 1 January 2003	1,540	4,475
Retained profit for the year	637	(3,408)
Exchange differences on retranslation of net		
foreign currency investments	318	98
Closing shareholders' funds	2,495	1,165
Company		
Opening shareholders' funds	3,187	7,788
Retained profit for the year	127	(4,601)
Closing shareholders' funds	3,314	3,187

17 LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2003 the group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2003		2002	
	Land and Buildings £000's	Other £000's	Land and Buildings £000's	Other £000's
Operating leases which expire within one year	5	172	35	50
Expiring between two and five years	490	195	302	310
	495	367	337	360

18 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is 3D Systems Inc, a company incorporated in the United States of America. Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from 26081 Avenue Hall, Valencia, CA 91355, USA.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

19 PENSION COSTS

Defined Benefit Scheme

A subsidiary company of 3D Systems Europe Ltd, 3D Systems GmbH operates a non-contributary funded defined benefit scheme providing benefits based on final salary. The scheme is administered by a third party company, Alte Leipziger Pensionsmanagement GmbH. Alte Leipziger are also the independent actuaries who have provided the scheme valuation.

SSAP 24 Reported Cost

The reported cost has been determind by a qualified actuary using the entry age normal method, based on a valuation as at 4th March 2004. The assumptions used in the valuation were:

Rate of salary increases	3.0%
Rate of pension increases	2.0%
Discount rate	6.0%
Average residual service time of the employee	24 years

The reported cost for the year was £77,631 (2002 - £112,004)

FRS 17 Transitional Disclosure

The disclosures in this note have been determined by a qualified actuary and are based on a valuation as at 4th March 2004. The assumptions used by the actuary were:

Rate of salary increases Rate of pension increases Discount rate Inflation assumption Average residual service time of the employees	2003 2.0% 1.5% 5.3% 1.5% 24 years	2002 2.0% 1.5% 5.5% 1.5% 25 years	2001 3.0% 2.0% 6.0% 2.0% 26 years
Projected unit credit method			
	5 B 6	<u>2003</u> £000's	<u>2002</u> £000's
Analysis of amount that would have been charged to Ope	rating Profit		
Service cost Total Operating Charge		76 76	64 64
Analysis of amount that would have been credited to other	er finance income		
Interest on pension scheme liabilities		42	38
Net Return		42	38

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year Ended 31 Decmeber 2003

Analysis of amounts that would have been included in the statement of total	2003 £000's recognised gains &	2002 £000's losses
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities	0 0	(29)
Actualia ioss	U	(29)
The history of experience gains and losses is as follows		
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities		
- amount	0	(29)
- percentage	-0.05%	-4.14%
Actuarial loss to be recognised in the STRGL		
- amount	0	(29)
- percentage	-0.05%	-4.14%
Movement during the year		
Deficit in scheme at beginning of the year	(712)	(639)
Current service cost	`(76)	(64)
Other finance income	(42)	(38)
Actuarial loss	0	29
Deficit in scheme at end of the year	(830)	(712)
Effect on Net Assets		
Net Assets excluding pension asset/liability	2,495	1,540
FRS 17 Liability	(830)	(712)
Net Assets including pension asset/liability	1,665	828

20 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

Effective from 1 January 2004, the net assets and trade of 3D Systems Europe Limited (registered no. 2540492) were transferred to its wholly owned subsidiary, 3D European Holdings Ltd (registered no. 4192367). Also, effective 1 January 2004, there was a name swap between the two companies.