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H BRONNLEY & COMPANY LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2003

(www.bronnley.co.uk)

Company Number: 46883

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the members of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Radstone Road, Brackley, NN13 5AU on 27th September 2004 at 2:30 p.m. to transact the following business.

- 1. To consider the Directors' Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2003.
- 2. To re-elect Mr FJ Sheppard as a Director.
- 3. To resolve that the amount of Directors' fees to be paid to each Director pursuant to Article 94 of the Articles of Association shall be £4,770 from 1st January 2005.
- 4. To appoint BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as auditors and authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.
- 5. To transact any other business which may be properly transacted at an Annual General Meeting of the Company.

By Order of the Board

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Secretary

Date: 2 4 AUG 2004

Radstone Road

Brackley

Northamptonshire

NN13 5AU

A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and, on a poll, to vote on his/her behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. Any instrument appointing a proxy, to be valid, must be lodged with the Company Secretary at the registered office not later than forty-eight hours before the time fixed for the meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors hereby submit their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the group during the year continued to be the production and wholesale distribution of quality soap and toiletries.

The Directors are satisfied with the results for the year and are confident of future prospects.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group and of the profit or loss of the group for its financial year. In doing so, 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 accounts
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and to enable them to ensure that the accounts 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.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss of the group for the year after taxation amounted to £94,240 (2002-Loss £176,631)

The directors recommend that no dividend be declared on the Ordinary Shares (2002-nil).

Preference dividends of £1,981 (2002-£1,981) have been included in the profit and loss account for the year ended 31st December 2003.

The remaining loss for the financial year of £96,221 (2002-Loss £178,612) has been carried to reserves.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

There were charitable donations in the year of £225 (2002-£868).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS AND INTERESTS IN SHARES

The names of the present directors, all of whom served throughout the year, and the number of shares in the company in which they had an interest, as defined by the Companies Act 1985, are as follows:

As at 1st January 2003

·	Beneficial Interest				Other Interest			
	Ordi	inary	Prefer	ence	Ordi	nary	Prefer	ence
	Sha	ares	Shar	es	Sha	ires	Shar	es
		Non-				Non-		
	Voting	Voting	6%"B"	5%	Voting	Voting	6%"B"	5%
Miss A Rossiter OBE*	17,365	141,556	15,797	125				
AR Smith			80					
HG Blank								
FJ Sheppard*	500							
FJ Morris			5					
*Directors Joint								
Interests					4,181	15,985	4,096	4,625

As at 31st December :	2003								
		Beneficial Interest				Other Interest			
	Ord	inary	Prefer	ence	Ordi	inary	Prefer	ence	
	Sha	ares	Shai	res	Sha	ares	Sha	res	
		Non-				Non-			
	Voting	Voting	6%"B"	5%	Voting	Voting	6%"B"	5%	
Miss A Rossiter OBE*	18,402	152,969	16,413	375					
AR Smith			80			=			
HG Blank									
FJ Sheppard*	500								
FJ Morris			5						
*Directors Joint									
Interests					4,181	15,985	4,096	4,625	

DIRECTORS' INSURANCE

An insurance policy is maintained for the directors of the company to be indemnified in respect of liabilities incurred in the execution of their duties.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The Company has maintained its exemplary record of avoiding any incidents that could have a damaging affect on the environment. This desirable situation has been achieved by the diligence of all members of staff to whom we wish to express our grateful thanks.

During 2003, the Company received a visit from the Environment Agency to monitor our compliance with the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 1997 (As Amended). We are pleased to report that the Company was deemed to be fully compliant.

We continue to discharge our obligations under the above-mentioned Act through membership of Valpak. We have shown a reduction in the amount of paper, glass and plastics used over the past three years. Paper has been reduced by 50% in conversion, 42% in packing/filling and 27% in selling. Glass has been reduced by 24% in the packing/filling category. Similarly, plastics have been reduced by 36% within the same classification.

Future improvements will become increasingly difficult to achieve due to past success.

WEB-SITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS

The Company maintains its own web-site with the address www.bronnley.co.uk. The cost of developing and maintaining the site are being met from within our own resources and are charged to the profit and loss account as and when they arise.

AUDITORS

On 31st December 2003, BDO Stoy Hayward, the Company's auditors, transferred its business to BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. Accordingly BDO Stoy Hayward resigned as auditors on that day and the Directors appointed BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as its successor. A resolution to appoint BDO Stoy Hayward LLP as auditors will be proposed at the next Annual General Meeting.

STAFF

The Directors thank the staff for their loyalty and co-operation during the year.

On behalf of the Board

So Neate FCCA Secretary

Date:

2 4 AUG 2004

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Northamptonshire

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF H BRONNLEY & COMPANY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of H Bronnley & Company Limited for the year ended 31st December 2003, on pages 7 to 22, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

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.

This 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 purposes 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF **H BRONNLEY & COMPANY LIMITED (continued)**

Qualified opinion arising from the omission of Retirement Benefits Information

As explained in note 20, the financial statements do not disclose certain information as required by Financial Reporting Standard 17 'Retirement Benefits'.

Except for the omission of certain information about retirement benefits, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Company as at 31st December 2003 and of the Group's loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BDO STOY HAYWARD LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London

24 August 2004

Date:

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
TURNOVER	2	6,035,282	5,855,294
Cost of sales GROSS PROFIT		(3,693,189) 2,342,093	
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses		(1,160,010) (1,459,392)	
OPERATING LOSS		(277,309)	(248,652)
Other operating income	3	<u>106,528</u> (170,781)	<u>104,131</u> (144,521)
Interest payable	4		(1,016)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	2	(170,781)	(145,537)
Tax thereon	6	76,541	(31,094)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION (including parent company loss £92,691; 2002-loss £185,395)		(94,240)	(176,631)
Dividends (including non-equity)	7	(1,981)	(1,981)
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(96,221)	(178,612)
Retained profits brought forward		2,239,614	2,418,226
RETAINED PROFITS CARRIED FORWARD		2,143,393	2,239,614

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the year.

There is no movement in shareholders' funds other than the loss for the year.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2003

	Note	200)3	200)2
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	8		1,528,213		1,605,692
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	10	1,529,799		1,560,578	
Debtors	11	1,179,767		1,075,700	
Cash at bank and in hand		986,466		1,295,887	
		3,696,032		3,932,165	
Creditors - amounts falling due					
within one year	12	(619,822)		(760,672)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,076,210		3,171,493
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,604,423		4,777,185
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13		(105,039)		(181,580)
TOTAL NET ASSETS			4,499,384		4,595,605
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up Share Capital	14		450,991		450,991
Other Reserves			1,905,000		1,905,000
Profit and Loss Account			2,143,393		2,239,614
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS					
(including non equity interests)	15		4,499,384		4,595,605

Approved by the board on 2 4 AUG 2004

Ann Rossiter O.B.E. Chairman

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2003

	Note	200	03	200)2
FIXED ASSETS		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets Investments	8 9		1,528,213 100 1,528,313		1,605,692 100 1,605,792
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10 11	1,529,799 1,200,338 959,369		1,560,578 1,085,397 1,276,827	
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	12	3,689,506 (613,297)		3,922,802 (752,859)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			3,076,209		3,169,943
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			4,604,522		4,775,735
Provisions for liabilities and charges	13		(105,039)		(181,580)
TOTAL NET ASSETS			4,499,483		4,594,155
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up Share Capital Other Reserves Profit and Loss Account	14		450,991 1,905,000 2,143,492		450,991 1,905,000 2,238,164
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS (including non-equity interests)	15		4,499,483		4,594,155

Approved by the board on 2 4 AUG 2004

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) / INFLOW			
FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	16	(279,873)	491,022
Servicing of finance	17	11,660	15,121
Taxation paid		, 	(79,061)
Investing activities	17	(39,292)	(96,223)
Equity dividend paid			(25,028)
Net cash (outflow) / inflow before financing		(307,505)	305,831
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO	Note	2003	2002
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS	11000	£	£
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		(307,505)	305,831
Translation differences		(1,916)	(2,484)
Movement in net funds in the year		(309,421)	303,347
Net funds as at 1st January	18	1,295,887	992,540
NET FUNDS AS AT 31st DECEMBER	18	986,466	1,295,887

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards except as explained in note 20.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the parent company and the accounts of its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31st December 2003. No profit and loss account is presented for the parent company as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Group turnover comprises amounts invoiced, excluding value added tax, in respect of goods supplied by the companies.

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land to write them off over their anticipated useful lives at the following annual rates and methods:

Freehold buildings
Plant and machinery

- plant and fixtures

2% - 5% straight line 10% - 20% straight line

- computers and vehicles

20% straight line

Valuation of investments

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

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost, including appropriate overheads, and estimated net realisable value.

Operating lease contracts

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Foreign currencies

In the accounts of the individual companies, assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction and ensuing differences are taken to profit and loss account.

The difference arising on restatement of the accumulated losses of foreign subsidiary undertakings is also taken to profit and loss account, because the losses have been financed by the holding company.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension costs

Contributions to the group's defined benefit pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account on a systematic and rational basis to spread the cost of providing pensions over the employees' working lives within the group.

Payments are made to the defined contribution personal pension plan of each member, and amounts are charged to the profit and loss account in the year in which they become payable.

2. TURNOVER AND LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION				
	2003	2002		
	£	£		
Turnover by geographical area				
United Kingdom	3,842,102	3,914,326		
Rest of Europe	1,134,383	986,460		
North and South America	500,203	545,397		
Rest of the World	558,594	409,111		
	6,035,282	5,855,294		
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging / (crediting):				
Depreciation of fixed assets	116,794	106,744		
Auditors' remuneration: Audit fee (parent company)	23,450	20,350		
Non-audit services	13,335	18,400		
Hire of equipment – operating leases	61,460	61,387		
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(23)	1,320		
3. OTHER OPERATING INCOME/(EXPENSES)	2003 £	2002 £		
Commission receivable	98,062	100,569		
Loss on exchange	(4,359)	(12,446)		
Interest receivable	12,802	17,328		
Profit/(Loss) on disposal of fixed assets	23	(1,320)		
(2007) 0.0 0.0 p. 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0	106,528	104,131		
4. INTEREST PAYABLE	2003	2002		
	£	£		
On other borrowings		1,016		

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

5. DIRECTORS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES	2003	2002
	£	£
Staff costs comprise:		
Wages and salaries	2,207,498	2,170,065
Social Security costs	182,511	162,999
Other pension costs	305,258	262,400
	2,695,267	2,595,464
A second of Control of	2002	2002
Average number of persons employed by the group:	2003	2002
	Number	Number
Production	75	72
Selling and Distribution	28	27
Administration	28	28
	131	127
	£	£
Emoluments of the directors:	~	~
For services as executives	252,077	256,565
For services as directors	23,850	23,125
	275,927	279,690
Number of directors	5	5
Two directors have benefits accruing under a defined benefit pension sol	heme.	
The remuneration of the highest paid director was as follows:		
The folialistation of the highest paid director was as follows.	2003	2002
	£	£
	~	~
Emoluments	82,028	80, 419
Pension Contributions	14,585	14,145
	96,613	94,564
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At the balance sheet date, the highest paid director had accrued pension rights amounting to £40,714 per annum (2002-£38,315).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

6. TAXATION

	2003	2002
	£	£
UK Corporation Tax		
Current tax on profits for the year		
Adjustment in respect of previous periods		(10,486)
		(10,486)
Deferred Tax		
Effect of reduced tax rate on opening liabilities	(65,735)	
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(8,502)	41,580
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(2,304)	
Movement in deferred tax provision	(76,541)	41,580
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	(76,541)	31,094
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Tax reconciliation:		
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(170,781)	(145,537)
Loss on ordinary activities at the standard rate of corporation tax in		
the UK of 19% (2002 – 30%)	(32,448)	(43,661)
Effect of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	31,069	38,014
Tax relief on pension contributions	10,931	9,776
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(2,429)	(4,129)
Group relief claimed/surrendered	(7,123)	
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior year		(10,486)
Current tax charge/(credit) for the year		(10,486)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

7. DIVIDENDS		2003 £	2002 £
5% Preference shares 6% "B" Preference shares		250 1,731 1,981	250 1,731 1,981
8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold Land and Buildings	Plant and Machinery	Total
Group and Company	£	£	£
Cost At 1st January 2003 Additions Disposals At 31st December 2003	2,043,781	1,151,721 39,326 (18,032) 1,173,015	3,195,502 39,326 (18,032) 3,216,796
Depreciation At 1st January 2003 Charge for year Disposals At 31st December 2003	719,235 50,766 770,001	870,575 66,028 (18,021) 918,582	1,589,810 116,794 (18,021) 1,688,583
Net Book Value at 31st December 2003	1,273,780	254,433	1,528,213
Net Book Value at 31st December 2002	1,324,546	281,146	1,605,692

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

9. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

		Subsidiary Undertakings
		£
Cost:		1 5 4 7
At 1st January 2003 Disposals		1,547
At 31st December 2003		1,547
Provisions:		
At 1st January 2003		1,447
Released on disposal At 31st December 2003		1,447
Att 51st Bedemoor 2005		
Net Book Value:		
At 31st December 2003		100
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At 31st December 2002		100
The group has the following wholly owned subsidiary undertaking	s at the year end	
	Nature of	Country of
	Business	Incorporation
Bronnley of London IncUSA	Sale of toiletries	USA
Bronnley of London Inc	Dormant	USA
Bronnley of London Limited	Dormant	Great Britain
10. STOCKS	Grou	ip and
		Company
	2003	2002
	£	£
Raw Materials	421,382	479,628
Work in Progress	587,535	548,113
Finished Goods	520,882	532,837
	1,529,799	1,560,578

There is no material difference between the replacement cost of stocks and the amounts stated above.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

11. DEBTORS	Gro	up	Parent Company	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	1,046,188	962,894	1,001,395	898,248
Subsidiary companies less provisions			79,581	91,560
Other debtors	53,070	27,748	51,788	27,748
Prepayments and accrued income	80,509	85,058	67,574	67,841
	1,179,767	1,075,700	1,200,338	1,085,397

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

12. CREDITORS

-amounts falling due within one year			Parent Company	
•	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	205,402	405,699	198,877	399,273
Other Taxation and Social Security	111,866	124,240	111,866	124,224
Accruals and deferred income	185,839	169,557	185,839	169,557
Corporation tax	271		271	
Other creditors	116,444	61,176	116,444	59,805
	619,822	760,672	613,297	752,859

Included within other creditors is £113,622 (2002-£57,400) due to the defined benefit pension scheme.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Group and		
	Parent Company		
	2003	2002	
Deferred taxation:	£	£	
Balance at 1st January	181,580	140,000	
Transfer (to)/from profit and loss account	(76,541)	41,580	
Balance at 31st December	105,039	181,580	
The deferred taxation provision comprises:			
P F F	Group	Group and	
	~	Parent Company	
	2003	2002	
	£	£	
Accelerated capital allowances	132,137	207,106	
Other short term timing differences	(27,098)	(25,526)	
	105,039	181,580	
14. SHARE CAPITAL	2003 and		
		Allotted,	
		Called-Up	
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	Authorised	Paid	
	£	£	
5% Preference Shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000	
6% "B" Preference Shares of £1 each	68,000	28,859	
Ordinary Shares of £1 each	47,000	34,761	
Ordinary Non-Voting Shares of £1 each	400,000	382,371	
	520,000	450,991	

All the shares have voting rights except the non-voting shares. The 5% Preference Shares confer a right to priority in the return of capital and dividends over all other shares. The 6% "B" Preference Shares confer a right to priority in the return of capital and dividends over Ordinary Voting and Ordinary Non-Voting Shares

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS'

FUNDS	Group		Parent Company	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Loss for the year	(94,240)	(176,631)	(92,691)	(185,395)
Dividends	(1,981)	(1,981)	(1,981)	(1,981)
Net reduction of shareholders' funds	(96,221)	(178,612)	(94,672)	(187,376)
Opening shareholders' funds	4,595,605	4,774,217	4,594,155	4,781,531
	4,499,384	4,595,605	4,499,483	4,594,155
Comprising:				
Equity interests	4,465,525	4,561,746	4,465,624	4,560,296
Non equity interests	33,859	33,859	33,859	33,859
	4,499,384	4,595,605	4,499,483	4,594,155
16. RECONCILIATION OF OPERAT FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIV	` ,	O NET	2003 £	2002 £
Operating loss			(277,309)	(248,652)
Commission Receivable Depreciation of fixed assets			98,062 116,794	100,569 106,744
Exchange adjustment			5,003	(1,255)
Decrease in stocks			30,779	429,389
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors			(113,138)	136,918
Decrease in creditors			(140,064)	(32,691)
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operation	ng activities		(279,873)	491,022

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

17. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOW DURING THE YEAR		2003	2002	
Servicing of finance			£	£
Dividend paid on preference shares			(1,981)	(991)
Interest received			13,641	17,128
Interest paid			15,611	(1,016)
Net cash inflow for returns on financing			11,660	15,121
The cash mile was for retained on milanems			11,000	
Investing Activities				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets			(39,326)	(96,223)
Sale of tangible fixed assets			34	
Net cash outflow from investing activities	es		(39,292)	(96,223)
18. ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET	FUNDS			
	1st.			31st.
	January	Net	Exchange	December
	2003	Cashflow	movements	2003
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank	1,295,887	(307,505)	(1,916)	986,466
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19. OPERATING LEASE COMMITM	MENTS			
		Group and Parent		
			Plant and Equipment	
			2003	2002
Annual amounts not provided:				
Expiring within:			5.010	41.725
1 year			5,919	41,532
2 to 5 years			56,304	17,892
			62,223	59,424

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

20. PENSIONS – DEFINED BENEFIT SCHEME (H Bronnley & Company Limited 1976 Retirement Fund)

Regular Pension Costs (SSAP 24)

The company operates a defined benefit (final salary) pension scheme, the assets of which are held in a separate trustee administered fund. This is a funded scheme.

The pension cost is assessed triennially by a professionally qualified actuary using the "Attained Age" method of valuation. The most recent valuation, at 1st December 2003, showed that the market value of the Fund's assets was £4,318,000 and that the actuarial value of these assets represented 67% (deficit £2,123,000, previously £500,000) of the value of benefits that had accrued to members at the valuation date, allowing for future projected salary increases to retirement.

The principal assumptions used were that average investment returns would be 7% (previously 7%) per annum before retirement and 5% (previously 5%) after retirement while salary increases would average 4% per annum (previously 4.5% per annum). It was also assumed that present and future pensions would increase at 3% per annum (previously 3% per annum) for benefits accrued up to 5th April 1997 and by 3.5% per annum (previously 3.5% per annum) for benefits accrued after 6th April 1997.

The pension cost for the period amounted to £291,591 (2002-£250,900). The Company's contributions over the period amounted to £235,369 (2002-£246,000). The difference between the contributions paid and the pension cost resulted in a provision in the accounts of £113,622 (2002-£57,400). The Scheme was closed to new employees who joined the company after 31st December 1998.

The Directors have yet to decide what action to take in light of the increase in the pension fund deficit. They are currently in discussions with the Fund Actuary.

FRS 17 Disclosures

The Company is required to comply with FRS 17 for the year ended 31st December 2003. However, in the opinion of the Directors, the expense involved in obtaining the information to enable these disclosures to be made cannot be justified. Therefore the information required by FRS 17 has not been disclosed in these financial statements.

21. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Company had no capital commitments at the year-end. (2002-£nil)

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22. CONTROLLING PARTY AND RELATED PARTIES

Miss Ann Rossiter O.B.E. is the controlling party of the company.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed by Financial Reporting Standard 8, Related Party Transactions, not to disclose any transactions with entities that are included in the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As at 31st December the balances due from group undertakings were as follows:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Bronnley of London IncUSA	79,581	91,560