Directors' report and financial statements

30 June 1996

Registered number 228286



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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 1996.

Principal activity

The company did not trade during the year.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

AJ Lloyd MA Ward

RG Turner

SW Buckell JC Fellows

ows (appointed 3 July 1995)

None of the directors had any interest in the share capital of the company during the year.

Messrs AJ Lloyd, MA Ward, RG Turner and JC Fellows were directors of Lloyds Chemists plc, the ultimate holding company at the year end and their interests are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

The interests of SW Buckell in Lloyds Chemists plc are:

	Preference shares of 5p each		Ordinary shares of 5p each		Executive Share Option Scheme Ordinary shares of 5p each		SAYE Share Option Scheme Ordinary shares of 5p each	
	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995	1996	1995
SW Buckell	608	608	5,796	5,621	57,000	119,800	7,560	7,560

By order of the board

MA Ward
Director

Britannia House Centurion Park Tamworth Staffordshire B77 5PZ

3 December 1996

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The following statement describes the responsibilities of the directors in relation to these financial statements.

The directors are required by the Companies Act 1985 to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year.

The directors consider that in preparing the financial statements set out on pages 4 to 6, the Company has used appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates. All applicable accounting standards have been followed and the financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the Company maintains adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985.

The directors have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Auditors' report to the members of Cross and Herbert Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 mis-statement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 1996 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 3 December 1996

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 30 June 1996

During the financial year and the preceding financial year the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during those years the company made neither a profit nor a loss.

Balance sheet at 30 June 1996

ai 50 June 1770	Note	1996 £	1995 £
Current assets			
Debtors	2	8,732,718	8,732,718
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	<i>.</i> 3	106 500	106 500
<u> </u>		106,500	106,500
Profit and loss account	4	8,626,218	8,626,218
Total equity and non-equity shareholders' funds	5	8,732,718	8,732,718

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 3 December 1996 and were signed on its behalf by:\

MA Ward
Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

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

2	Debtors	1996	1995
		£	3
	Amounts owed by parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	8,732,718	8,732,718
3	Called up share capital		
	•	1996 £	1995 £
	Authorised:		00.000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each 4.2% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	80,000 34,500	80,000 34,500
	4.2% cumulative preference shares of 21 cach	<u></u>	
		114,500	114,500
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	72,000	72,000
	4.2% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	34,500	34,500
		106,500	106,500
4	Reserves		
•	2002 100		Profit
			and loss account
			£
	At 1 July 1995 and at 30 June 1996		8,626,218
_	Total equity and non-equity shareholders' funds		
5	Total equity and non-equity snareholders Tunds	1996	1995
		\$	£
	Attributable to equity interests	8,698,218	8,698,218
1	Attributable to non-equity interests	34,500	34,500
		8,732,718	8,732,718
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Notes (continued)

6 Contingent liabilities

The company guarantees the borrowings of other group undertakings which at 30 June 1996 amounted to £Nil (1995: £Nil).

7 Ultimate holding company

The ultimate holding company is Lloyds Chemists plc, which is registered in England and Wales.

The results of the company are included within the group financial statements of Lloyds Chemists plc but are not included within any other group financial statements.

Copies of the group financial statements may be obtained from Britannia House, Centurion Park, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 5PZ.