

Co. No. 336873



ALCAN CHEMICALS LIMITED

Report and Accounts for the year ended

31 December 2004



Directors' Report

The directors present their report and audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2004.

1. Directors

The directors who served during the year and to date were:

K F Anthony Wilkinson
T L Kilbride
J C Wilkie (resigned 10 February 2005)

2. Activity, review of business and future developments

During the year the Company did not trade, has not incurred any liabilities and, consequently made neither profit nor loss. The directors did not expect any change in the Company's activities.

3. Results and dividends

During the year the Company has not traded. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2003: £8.9million)

4. Directors' interests

As at 31 December 2004 there were no disclosable directors' interests (2003: £Nil).

Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the profit or loss of the Company for that period. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently.

They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and 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.

By order of the Board:



T L Kilbride
Director

Date 28 September 2005

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Alcan Chemicals Limited

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £m	2003 £m
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		-	-
Taxation (charge)/credit		-	-
Dividend paid	3	-	(8.9)
Retained loss for the year		-	(8.9)

There were no recognised gains or losses for the year.

There is no difference between the retained loss for the year stated above and its historical cost equivalent.

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of these accounts.

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Balance Sheet at 31 December 2004


	Notes	2004 £m	2003 £m
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors - amounts owed by group undertakings		32.1	32.1
NET ASSETS		32.1	32.1
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	4	32.1	32.1
Profit and loss account		-	-
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	5	32.1	32.1

For the year ended 31 December 2004 the Company was entitled to exemption under Section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with Section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- Ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221: and
- Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs on the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Section 266, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.



T L Kilbride
Director

The Board of Directors approved the accounts on 28 September 2005.

The notes on pages 4 and 5 form part of these accounts.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting policies

These accounts have been prepared, on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

2. Directors' emoluments

During the year none of the directors received any remuneration in respect of their services to the Company (2003: £nil).

3. Dividends (£Million)

	2004	2003
Equity – ordinary		
Interim paid - £nil per £1 share (2003: £0.28)	-	8.9
	-	8.9

4. Share capital (£Million)

	2004	2003
AUTHORISED		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100.0	100.0
ISSUED AND FULLY PAID		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	32.1	32.1

5. Equity Shareholders' funds (£Million)

	2004	2003
Equity shareholders' funds at 1 January 2004	32.1	41.0
Loss retained for the year	-	(8.9)
Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December 2004	32.1	32.1

6. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Alcan Inc., a company incorporated in Canada, which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements. British Alcan Aluminium plc, the immediate parent undertaking, is the parent undertaking of the smallest group to consolidate the financial statements.

Copies of the UK parent undertaking's accounts and of the ultimate parent undertaking's accounts are available from the Company's registered office.

7. Related party transactions

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of British Alcan Aluminium plc, and as such has taken advantage of the exemption granted by FRS 8 and has not disclosed transactions with fellow Group undertakings which are eliminated on consolidation.

Notes to the Accounts Continued

8. Commitments and contingent liabilities

The Company had no commitments or contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2004 (2003: £Nil).

9. Cash flow

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of British Alcan Aluminium plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of that company which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1 (Revised).