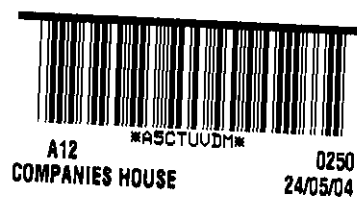


**HIGGINS & SON (CHEMISTS) LIMITED**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003**

**COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER                      575193**



# HIGGINS & SON (CHEMISTS) LIMITED

## Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2003

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2003 £	Year ended 31 December 2002 £
<b>Debtors</b>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year	1	26,032	26,032
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>26,032</b>	<b>26,032</b>
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	2	20,896	20,896
Profit and loss account		5,136	5,136
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		<b>26,032</b>	<b>26,032</b>

For the year ended 31 December 2003 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

(a) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221;

and

(b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its result for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Signed on behalf of the Board



P. Smerdon  
Director  
13 January 2004

## HIGGINS & SON (CHEMISTS) LIMITED

### Notes to the accounts

	Year ended 31 December 2003 £	Year ended 31 December 2002 £
<b>1 Debtors amounts falling due after one year</b>		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	<u>26,032</u>	<u>26,032</u>
<b>2 Called up share capital</b>		
<i>Authorised</i>		
10552 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,552	10,552
10448 5% Non cumulative preference shares of £1 each	10,448	10,448
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<i>Issued</i>		
10448 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,448	10,448
10448 5% Non cumulative preference shares of £1 each	10,448	10,448
	<u>20,896</u>	<u>20,896</u>
<b>3 Ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party</b>		

In the opinion of the directors the company's ultimate controlling party is the ultimate parent undertaking, Franz Haniel & Cie GmbH, a company registered in Germany, by virtue of it's majority shareholding in the intermediate parent Celesio AG and it's consolidation of the Celesio AG Group results into it's own financial statements.