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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 2003

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COMPANY INFORMATION for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

DIRECTORS:

N D S Brown

PFS Brown

SECRETARY:

N J Penistan

REGISTERED OFFICE:

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REGISTERED NUMBER:

894965 (England and Wales)

AUDITORS:

Duncan & Toplis

Chartered Accountants &

Registered Auditor

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NG31 6SF

BANKERS:

HSBC Bank Plc

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SOLICITORS:

Mossop & Bowser

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 31st July 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the group is that of farming.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The results for the year and financial position of the company and the group are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

The directors have been unable to find any opportunities in conventional agriculture which meet the criteria for return on capital, and so further acquisition of land has not taken place. They believe that opportunities will occur at some time in the future, and so maintain their policy of not paying dividends.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31st July 2003.

FIXED ASSETS

The directors are of the opinion that the market value of the freehold property is in excess of the net book value but, in the absence of a recent valuation, the amount of the excess is not quantified.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

N D S Brown P F S Brown

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31st July 2003 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

'B' ordinary £1 shares	31.7.03	1.8.02
N D S Brown	2,425	2,425
P F S Brown	13,102	13,102

N D S Brown and P F S Brown have a non-beneficial interest in 39,611 'B' ordinary shares (2002 - 39,611).

Beneficial interests include those of spouses and infant children.

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 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company 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 OF THE DIRECTORS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

AUDITORS

On 10th October 2003, Deloitte & Touche resigned as auditors and Duncan & Toplis were appointed in their place. Duncan & Toplis will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

N J Penistan - Secretary

Date: 4th November 2003

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LOVEDEN HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Loveden Holdings Limited for the year ended 31st July 2003 on pages five to eighteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on pages two and three the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

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 Report of the Directors 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 Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

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 company and the group as at 31st July 2003 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Duncan & Toplis

Chartered Accountants &

Registered Auditor 3 Castlegate

Grantham

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NG31 6SF

Date: 18th November 2003

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

		2003	2002
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	2	3,027,056	3,161,739
Cost of sales		2,455,532	2,277,138
GROSS PROFIT		571,524	884,601
Administrative expenses		<u>219,691</u>	203,691
		351,833	680,910
Other operating income		10,417	30,534
OPERATING PROFIT	4	362,250	711,444
Interest receivable and similar income	5	238,819	248,059
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	ES	601,069	959,503
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	155,307	258,008
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEA AFTER TAXATION	R	445,762	701,495
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE YEAR FOR THE GROUP	AR 17	445,762	701,495

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the group's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET 31st July 2003

		20	03	200)2
•	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	8		85,136	•	-
Tangible assets	9		10,650,183		10,665,750
Investments	10		1,949		1,949
			10,737,268		10,667,699
CURRENT ASSETS					•
Stocks	11	1,003,740		922,084	
Debtors	12	351,191	-	321,228	
Cash at bank		6,759,940		6,631,926	
		8,114,871		7,875,238	
CREDITORS		105.51		640.426	
Amounts falling due within one year	13	407,761	-	549,435	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			7,707,110		7,325,803
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			18,444,378		17,993,502
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
AND CHARGES	15		20,085		14,971
			18,424,293		17,978,531
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		70,391		70,391
Share premium	17		6,994		6,994
Capital redemption reserve	17		129,611		129,611
Profit and loss account	17		18,217,297		17,771,535
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		18,424,293		17,978,531

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

NDS Brown - Director

Approved by the Board on 4th November 2003

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET 31st July 2003

		20	03	20	02
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9		9,870,751		9,870,751
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank		4,403,221		4,284,850	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	13	32,000		36,000	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			4,371,221		4,248,850
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			14,241,972		14,119,601
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	16		70,389		70,389
Share premium	17		6,994		6,994
Capital redemption reserve	17		129,611		129,611
Profit and loss account	17		14,034,978		13,912,607
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20		14,241,972		14,119,601

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

N D S-Brown - Director

Approved by the Board on 4th November 2003

CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

		2003	2002
•	Notes	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1	386,687	842,408
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	239,642	249,371
Taxation		(254,393)	(263,537)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	2	(243,922)	(229,943)
Increase in cash in the period		128,014	598,299
			
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3		
Increase in cash in the period		128,014	598,299
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		128,014	598,299
Movement in net funds in the period Net funds at 1st August		128,014 6,631,926	598,299 _6,033,627
Net funds at 31st July		6,759,940	6,631,926

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2003	2002
	£	£
	362,250	711,444
	199,434	181,837
	(25,081)	(12,003)
	(81,656)	(116,407)
	(30,786)	8,856
	<u>(37,474</u>)	68,681
	386,687	842,408
CTTED IN THE CAS	H FLOW STAT	TEMENT
	2003	2002
		£
	~	~
	239,642	249,371
ng of finance	239,642	249,371
	(88 342)	
		(265,838)
	(212,073)	(199)
•	64,093	36,094
investment	(243,922)	(229,943)
		At
At 1.8.02	Cash flow	31.7.03
£	£	£
6,631,926	128,014	6,759,940
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0,031,920	120,014	6,759,940
	ng of finance investment At 1.8.02 £	362,250 199,434 (25,081) (81,656) (30,786) (37,474) 386,687 CTTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATE 2003 £ 239,642 239,642 (88,342) (219,673) 64,093 investment (243,922) At 1.8.02 £ 6,631,926 128,014

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of Loveden Holdings Limited and its subsidiary company for the year ended 31st July 2003. In accordance with Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, a separate profit and loss account dealing with the results of the holding company has not been presented.

Intangible fixed assets

Purchased milk quota is initially valued at cost. This is then amortised over the expected useful life of 10 years on a straight line basis.

Tangible fixed assets

No depreciation is provided on freehold land.

Depreciation is provided on cost less estimated residual value in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Buildings 5% per annum straight line

Motor vehicles (year of acquisition) 36% per annum straight line

Motor vehicles (second and subsequent years) 24% per annum straight line

Breeding livestock 25% per annum straight line

All other tangible fixed assets 5-25% per annum straight line

Stocks and work in progress

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Costs of cultivations include overheads appropriate to the stage of cultivations.

Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences which result in an 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 the financial statements. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Pension costs

The group operates a money purchase pension scheme for eligible employees, the assets of which are administered and held independently. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

The group also contributes to the Brown Butlin Group Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme, a funded defined benefit pension scheme. The pension charge represents contributions payable to the fund in respect of the accounting period.

Investments

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

Recognition of area aid income

Area aid income, including set-aside, is recognised in the profit and loss account when the underlying crops are sold. For crops harvested but unsold at the year end date, the relevant area aid and set-aside is treated as deferred income on the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Operating leases

Annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoice amounts of goods sold and services provided exclusive of value added tax and has been made wholly in respect of the principal activity of the group. The turnover and pre-tax profit, all of which arises in the United Kingdom, is attributable to the group's principal activity.

3. STAFF COSTS

		2003 £	2002 £
	Directors' remuneration:	*	~
	Emoluments	11,198	<u>7,931</u>
		No	No
	Average number of persons employed (regular):	20	10
	Production Administration	20	18 4
	Administration	4	4
		24	22
		£	£
	Staff costs during the year (excluding directors):		
	Wages and salaries: regular	464,342	427,432
	Social security costs: regular	54,544	51,326
	Pensions	6,738	8,677
		525 (24	407 425
	Casual labour	525,624	487,435
	Casuai Iaboui	450,915	367,068
		976,539	854,503
4.	OPERATING PROFIT		
		2003	2002
		£	£
	Operating profit is after charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation		
	Owned assets	196,228	181,837
	(Profit) on sale of tangible fixed assets	(25,081)	(12,003)
	Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	3,206	-
	Rentals under operating leases		
	Hire of plant and machinery	205,597	208,862
	Hire of land	7,190	9,853
	Auditors' remuneration	8,500	12,124
	Rents receivable	(13,718)	(7,724)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

5	INTEREST RECEIVABLE.	AND SIMILAR INCOME.
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	2003 £	2002 £
Deposit account interest	238,819	248,059

6. **TAXATION**

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	2003	2002
Current tax:	£	£
UK corporation tax	150,296	254,501
Adjustment for prior year	(103)	<u>(11,464</u>)
Total current tax	150,193	243,037
Deferred tax:		
Accelerated capital allowances	5,114	14,971
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	155,307	258,008

UK corporation tax has been charged at 30% (2002 - 30%).

Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	601,069	959,503
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
in the UK of 30% (2002 - 30%)	180,321	287,851
Effects of:		
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(5,393)	(15,728)
Treatment of breeding livestock	847	(1,630)
Deferred tax not provided	-	(494)
Small company relief	(24,877)	(15,514)
Expenses not allowable for tax purposes	3	157
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(103)	(11,464)
Short term timing differences	(605)	(141)
Current tax charge	150,193	243,037

7. PROFIT OF PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent company's profit for the financial year was £122,371 (2002 - £131,613).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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Group			
			Milk quota £
COST: Additions			88,342
At 31st July 2003			88,342
AMORTISATION: Amortisation for year			3,206
At 31st July 2003			3,206
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31st July 2003			<u>85,136</u>
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
Group		D 1	T01 . 1
	Freehold property £	Breeding livestock £	Plant and machinery £
COST:			
At 1st August 2002 Additions	10,196,282	66,595 16,560	1,591,039 154,042
Disposals		(20,430)	(69,588)
At 31st July 2003	10,196,282	62,725	1,675,493
DEPRECIATION:			
At 1st August 2002	86,511	18,789	1,150,168
Charge for year	18,313	5,002	144,435
Eliminated on disposal	<u> </u>	(8,208)	(54,612)
At 31st July 2003	104,824	15,583	1,239,991
NET BOOK VALUE:			
At 31st July 2003	10,091,458	47,142	435,502
At 31st July 2002	10,109,771	47,806	440,871

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

Group

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	Tractors and combines £	Motor vehicles £	Office equipment	Totals £
COST:		~	_	~
At 1st August 2002	40,660	72,133	15,256	11,981,965
Additions	12,500	34,495	2,076	219,673
Disposals	(18,760)	(27,710)	<u> </u>	(136,488)
At 31st July 2003	34,400	78,918	17,332	12,065,150
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1st August 2002	18,013	30,207	12,527	1,316,215
Charge for year	6,591	20,401	1,486	196,228
Eliminated on disposal	(10,210)	(24,446)		(97,476)
At 31st July 2003	14,394	26,162	14,013	1,414,967
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31st July 2003	20,006	52,756	3,319	10,650,183
At 31st July 2002	22,647	41,926	2,729	10,665,750
Company				Freehold property £
COST: At 1st August 2002 and 31st July 2003				9,870,751
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31st July 2003				9,870,751
At 31st July 2002				9,870,751
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	•			
Group				
				Unquoted shares £
COST:				
At 1st August 2002 and 31st July 2003				1,949
NET BOOK VALUE: At 31st July 2003				<u>1,949</u>
At 31st July 2002			·	1,949

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Subsidiary undertaking

The company also holds a £2 investment consisting of 100% (2002 - 100%) of the ordinary share capital of Loveden Estates Limited. The company is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales and its principal activity is farming. The subsidiary has been included in the consolidation.

11. STOCKS

	Gr	oup
	2003	2002
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	72,063	74,856
Growing crops work in progress	906,087	821,788
Livestock	25,590	25,440
	1,003,740	922,084

12. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Gre	յսբ
	2003	2002
	£	£
Trade debtors	181,759	235,689
Other debtors	169,432	85,539
	<u>351,191</u>	321,228

13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Gre	o up	Comp	oany
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	150,250	170,920	-	-
Taxation	150,300	254,500	28,000	32,000
Social security and other taxes	11,397	10,783	•	-
Other creditors	4,000	-	4,000	-
Accruals and deferred income	91,814	113,232		4,000
	407,761	549,435	32,000	36,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

14. OBLIGATIONS UNDER LEASING AGREEMENTS

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year:

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	Land build		Ot	her
	2003 £	2002 £	2003 £	2002 £
Expiring: Within one year	665	6,165	15,823	34,341
Between one and five years	3,625	3,625	119,270	87,960
	4,290	9,790	135,093	122,301

15. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	Group	
	2003	2002
·	£	£
Deferred taxation	20,085	14,971

Group

	Deferred
	. tax
	£
Balance at 1st August 2002	14,971
Charge/(release) for the year	5,114
Balance at 31st July 2003	20,085

16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2003 £	2002 £
200,000	'B' ordinary	£1	200,000	200,000
Allotted, issued	d and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2003 £	2002 £
70,389	'B' ordinary	£1	70,391	70,391

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

17. RESERVES

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At 1st August 2002 Retained profit for the year	Profit and loss account £ 17,771,535 445,762	Share premium £ 6,994	Capital redemption reserve £ 129,611	Totals £ 17,908,140 445,762
At 31st July 2003	18,217,297	6,994	129,611	18,353,902
Company At 1st August 2002 Retained profit for the year	Profit and loss account £ 13,912,607 122,371	Share premium £ 6,994	Capital redemption reserve £ 129,611	Totals £ 14,049,212 122,371
At 31st July 2003	14,034,978	6,994	129,611	14,171,583

The capital redemption reserve was created when the company purchased 102,030 of its own shares in 1988, 22,216 in 1992 and a further 5,365 in 1998.

18. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group pays contributions, on behalf of an employee of Loveden Estates Limited, to the Brown Butlin Group Limited Retirement Benefits Scheme, a defined benefit pension scheme. Loveden Estates Limited is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme and therefore company pension contributions in respect of this scheme are accounted for as if they were of a defined contribution type.

The group also participates in a money purchase scheme for certain other employees.

Total contributions payable by the group to the schemes during the year amounted to £6,738 (2002: 8,677). There were accrued pension contributions of £1,394 at 31st July 2003 (2002: £1,471).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the Year Ended 31st July 2003

19. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The group made the following transactions with related parties on an arms length basis:

	2003 £	2002 £
Purchases		
Brown Butlin Group Limited	301,809	279,489
Farmacy plc	<u>9,817</u>	-
At the year end the balances outstanding due from the group to related parties were:		,
	2003	2002
	£	£
Brown Butlin Group Limited	28,224	28,448

Mr P F S Brown, a director, is a partner in the firm of Mossop & Bowser, solicitors of Loveden Holdings Limited, which carried out legal work during the year on behalf of the group to the value of £7,050 (2002: £nil).

20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Group	2003 £	2002 £
Profit for the financial year	445,762	701,495
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	445,762 17,978,531	701,495 17,277,036
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>18,424,293</u>	17,978,531
Equity interests	18,424,293	17,978,531
Company	2003 £	2002 £
Profit for the financial year	122,371	131,613
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	122,371 14,119,601	131,613 13,987,988
Closing shareholders' funds	14,241,972	14,119,601
Equity interests	14,241,972	14,119,601