Report and Financial Statements

30 April 2001

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# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

### **DIRECTORS**

A Powell J Eccleston

### **SECRETARY**

D J Blakey

### REGISTERED OFFICE

Nelson House Park Road Timperley Altrincham Cheshire WA14 5BS

### **BANKERS**

Royal Bank of Scotland plc 23-25 Gildredge Road Eastborne East Sussex

### **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants 4th Floor Martins Building 4 Water Street Liverpool L2 8UY

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2001.

### REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES, DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The company did not trade during the year and therefore made neither a profit nor a loss.

The company ceased trading on 1 February 2000 and there are no plans to recommence.

#### DIVIDENDS AND TRANSFERS TO RESERVES

The directors do not propose a final dividend (2000 - £nil). The result for the year of £nil (2000 - profit of £9,085) has been transferred to reserves.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year were:

A Powell

J Eccleston

The directors' interest in the shares of the ultimate parent company Danisco A/S was as follows:

	Sha	Shares Held	
	April 2001	April 2000	
A Powell	40	40	
J Eccleston	40	40	

None of the directors has any interest in the shares of the company or any other group companies during the year.

### **AUDITORS**

A resolution in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 1985 has been passed dispensing with the obligation to appoint auditors annually. Accordingly Deloitte & Touche will continue in office next year.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Secretary

7 September 2001

# STATEMENT OF THE DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 9 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 7.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which are required to be prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. 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 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 the company's affairs as at 30 April 2001 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants and

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Registered Auditors

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7 September 2001

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 30 April 2001

	Note	Year ended 30 April 2001 £	Year ended 30 April 2000 £
TURNOVER	2	-	113,266
Cost of sales			(99,565)
Gross profit		-	13,701
Administrative expenses Other operating income		-	(44,129) 68,500
		-	24,371
OPERATING PROFIT	3	-	38,072
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b> 5	-	2,119 (2,655)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		-	37,536
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	6	<u> </u>	(28,451)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	9	_	9,085

There were no recognised gains and losses other than the result for the year or the profit for the prior year. All operations have been transferred to Danisco Pack (UK) Limited.

# **BALANCE SHEET** 30 April 2001

	Note	30 April 2001 €	30 April 2000 £
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors due after more than one year	7	2,094,870	2,094,870
NET ASSETS		2,094,870	2,094,870
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	8	5,027	5,027
Share premium	9	110,838	110,838
Capital redemption reserve	9	534	534
Profit and loss account		1,978,471	1,978,471
Total equity shareholders' funds		2,094,870	2,094,870

A. Cowh - Director

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 7 September 2001.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 April 2001

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is not provided on freehold land.

Depreciation on other assets is provided on cost or revalued amount in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Freehold buildings	2.5% per annum
Leasehold property	2.5% per annum
Plant and machinery	5-50% per annum
Fixtures and fittings	5% per annum

#### Non consolidation

March Packaging (Holdings) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of another EEC company, and as such is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the obligation to prepare group accounts.

These financial statements present information about the undertaking as an individual undertaking and not of its group.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and value added tax. The turnover and pretax profit, all arises in the United Kingdom.

### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

-		Year ended 30 April 2001 £	Year ended 30 April 2000 £
	Operating profit is after		•
	charging/(crediting):		
	Depreciation on owned assets	-	8,895
4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		Year	Year
		ended	ended
		30 April	30 April
		2001	2000
		£	£
	Bank deposit interest	<u>-</u>	2,119

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 April 2001

# 5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

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				Year ended	Year ended
				30 April 2001	30 April 2000
				£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts			-	2,655
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6.	TAX CHARGE ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY A	CTIVITIES			
				Year	Year
				ended	ended
				30 April	30 April
				2001 £	2000 £
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 30%			æ	<b>3.</b>
	( 2000 30%) based on the profit for the year on				
	ordinary activities			-	-
	Group relief				28,451
				-	28,451
				=	
7.	DEBTORS				
				2001	2000
				£	£
	Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries			2,094,870	2,094,870
8.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL				
				2001	2000
				£	£
	Authorised, allotted and fully paid				
	493,663 'A' ordinary shares of 1p each			4,937	4,937
	900 'B' ordinary shares of 10p each			90	90
				5,027	5,027
9.	RESERVES				
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		redemption	Share	loss	
		reserve	premium	account	Total
		£	£	£	£
	At 1 May 2000 and 30 April 2001	534	110,838	1,978,471	2,089,843

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 30 April 2001

### 10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2001 £	2000 £
Profit for the financial year		9,085
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	2,094,870	9,085 2,085,785
Closing shareholders' funds	2,094,870	2,094,870

### 11. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

March Packaging (Holdings) Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Danisco Pack Limited the ultimate parent company being Danisco A/S, a company incorporated in Denmark.

Copies of the group financial statements of Danisco A/S are available from its registered office at Langebrogade 1, DK-1001 Copenhagen K.