

**VITA BIRCH VALE LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS REPORT**

The Directors submit their Report together with the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2002.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of British Vita PLC.

The Company has been dormant throughout the year.

**DIRECTORS**

1. The Directors of the Company during the year to 31 December 2002 were:

R N Coates  
M R Stirzaker

2. Under the Company's Articles of Association the Directors do not retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The interests of the directors in the Ordinary shares of the holding company are as follows:-

	2001		2002	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Options</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Options</u>
R N Coates	6,814	19,766	8,141	32,434
M R Stirzaker	19,849	89,692	20,181	89,692

4. No Directors were interested at any time of the year in the share capital of the company.

5 March 2003



Middleton  
Manchester, M24 2DB

By Order of the Board

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M R Stirzaker', is written over the printed name and title.

M R Stirzaker  
Director/Secretary

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2002**


<u>2001</u>		<u>2002</u>
(£)		(£)
	<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>	
345,000	Amount due from ultimate holding company	345,000
_____		_____
	<u>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</u>	
345,000	Called up share capital (See Note 1)	354,000
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For the year ended 31 December 2002 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 of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with subsection (2) of 249B.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:-

- i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
- ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year, and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

.....  Director

5 March 2003

**Notes**

1. The authorised capital of the company is £345,000 divided into 345,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each.
2. The ultimate holding company is British Vita PLC, a company incorporated in England.