

FRANCK & TOBIESEN (U.K.) LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR **31 DECEMBER 2003**

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company and its subsidiary undertaking during the year was that of shipping and forwarding agents and worldwide chartering.

There were no significant changes in the operation of the company's business during the year under review. In the opinion of the directors the company was in a satisfactory position at 31st December 2003.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year, and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have recommended the following dividends:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Dividends paid on ordinary shares | 132,450 | 388,432 |
| | | |

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

P Aandahl

P Lomholdt

D Smith

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the interests of the group directors are disclosed in the financial statements of the parent company.

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 7 to 8, and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. The directors 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.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

DONATIONS

During the year the company made the following contributions:

| 2003 | 2002 |
|------|------|
| £ | £ |
| 500 | 620 |
| | £ |

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Bennett Nash Woolf as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at the annual general meeting in accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

Registered office: Premier House 309 Ballards Lane North Finchley London N12 8LU Signed by order of the directors

F AANDAHL Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 20 April 2004

FRANCK & TOBIESEN (U.K.) LIMITED INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 13 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 7 to 8.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, 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 shareholders 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 shareholders 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 in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 Directors' Report 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 Directors' Report 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

OPINION

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BENNETT NASH WOOLF Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Premier House 309 Ballards Lane London N12 8LU

20 April 2004

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

| | Note | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
|---|--------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TURNOVER | 2 | 3,144,903 | 4,155,649 |
| Distribution Costs Administrative expenses Other operating income | 3 | 2,788,423 344,452 (2,275) | 3,712,677 356,692 (4,156) |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 4 | 14,303 | 90,436 |
| Income from shares in group undertakings Interest receivable Interest payable | 7 8 | 132,450 8,379 (3,538) | 389,111 11,401 (435) |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE | E | 151,594 | 490,513 |
| Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 9 | 11,618 | (14,818) |
| PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION | | 139,976 | 505,331 |
| Dividends | 10 | 132,450 | 388,432 |
| RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YE | CAR | 7,526 | 116,899 |
| Balance brought forward | | 611,669 | 494,770 |
| Balance carried forward | | 619,195 | 611,669 |

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

BALANCE SHEET

31 DECEMBER 2003

| | | 2003 | 3 | 2002 | <u>}</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| | Note | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 11 | | 4,437 | | 21,427 |
| Investments | 12 | | 15,596 | | 15,596 |
| | | | 20,033 | | 37,023 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 13 | 592,923 | | 846,742 | |
| Cash at bank | | 827,110 | | 543,123 | |
| | | 1,420,033 | | 1,389,865 | |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due | | | | | |
| within one year | 14 | 815,871 | | 810,219 | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | 604,162 | | 579,646 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT | LIABI | LITIES | 624,195 | | 616,669 |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES | | | | | |
| Called-up equity share capital | 18 | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| Profit and loss account | | | 619,195 | | 611,669 |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS | 19 | | 624,195 | | 616,669 |
| | | | | | |

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 20 April 2004 and are signed on their behalf by:

P AANDAHI

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

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

Consolidation

The company was, at the end of the year, a wholly-owned subsidiary of another company incorporated in the EEC and in accordance with section 228 of the Companies Act 1985, is not required to produce, and has not published, consolidated accounts.

Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

Related parties transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary and it has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No.8 from disclosing transactions with group companies.

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings 15% on cost Motor vehicles 25% on cost Equipment 20% on cost

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

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FRANCK & TOBIESEN (U.K.) LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold;

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Foreign currencies

Profit on disposal of fixed assets

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

2. TURNOVER

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The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company. An analysis of turnover is given below:

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|--|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| United Kingdom | 1,435,626 | 1,557,750 |
| Overseas | 1,709,277 | 2,597,899 |
| | 3,144,903 | 4,155,649 |
| OTHER OPERATING INCOME | | |
| | 2003 | 2002 |

2,275

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Directors' emoluments | 36,422 | 38,846 |
| Depreciation of owned fixed assets | 4,417 | 13,415 |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets | (2,275) | (4,156) |
| Auditors' remuneration | • | , |
| - as auditors | 5,500 | 4,500 |
| Net loss on foreign currency translation | 80,206 | 66,992 |
| | | |

5. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|---------|----------|
| | No | No |
| Number of administrative staff | 4 | 4 |
| Number of management staff | _1 | <u>I</u> |
| | | 5 |
| The aggregate payroll costs of the above were: | | |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 131,379 | 136,451 |
| Social security costs | 16,762 | 15,661 |
| Other pension costs | 3,333 | 10,000 |
| | 151,474 | 162,112 |

6. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|---|---------------|--------|
| | £ | £ |
| Aggregate emoluments | 36,422 | 38,846 |
| Value of company pension contributions to money | | |
| purchase schemes | 3,333 | 10,000 |
| | 39,755 | 48,846 |
| | _ | |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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6. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (continued)

The number of directors who are accruing benefits under company pension schemes was as follows:

| | Money purchase schemes | 2003 No 1 | 2002 No 1 |
|----|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 7. | INCOME FROM SHARES IN GROUP UND | ERTAKINGS | |
| | Income from group undertakings | 2003 £ 132,450 | 2002 £ 389,111 |
| 8. | INTEREST PAYABLE | | |
| | Other similar charges payable | 2003 £ 3,538 | 2002 £ 435 |
| 9. | TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVIT | TIES | |
| | (a) Analysis of charge in the year Current tax: | 2003 £ | 2002 £ |
| | UK Corporation tax based on the results for the at 30% (2002 - 30%) Over/under provision in prior year Total current tax | year 5,575 6,043 11,618 | 32,709 (47,527) (14,818) |
| | total current tax | 11,010 | (14,010) |

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2002 - 30%).

| of corporation tall in the control (2002 2009). | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | £ 151,594 | £ 490,513 |
| Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities by rate of tax | 45,478 | 147,154 |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 1,344 | 2,543 |
| Accelerated capital allowances | (1,512) | (255) |
| Double tax relief | (39,735) | (116,733) |
| Adjustment in respect of prior years corporation tax | 6,043 | (47,527) |
| Total current tax (note 9(a)) | 11,618 | (14,818) |

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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10. DIVIDENDS

The following dividends have been paid in respect of the year:

| Dividend paid on ordinary shares | | 2003 £ 132,450 | | 2002 £ 388,432 |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | | | | |
| | Fixtures & | Motor | Equipment | Total |

| | Fixtures & Fittings | Wotor Vehicles | Equipment s | Total |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| COST | | | | |
| At 1 January 2003 | 12,423 | 50,210 | 21,642 | 84,275 |
| Additions | - | _ | 1,052 | 1,052 |
| Disposals | | (32,718) | (9,249) | (41,967) |
| At 31 December 2003 | 12,423 | 17,492 | 13,445 | 43,360 |
| DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| At 1 January 2003 | 8,265 | 36,585 | 17,998 | 62,848 |
| Charge for the year | 1,728 | - | 2,689 | 4,417 |
| On disposals | | (19,093) | (9,249) | (28,342) |
| At 31 December 2003 | 9,993 | 17,492 | 11,438 | 38,923 |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| At 31 December 2003 | 2,430 | _ | 2,007 | 4,437 |
| At 31 December 2002 | 4,158 | 13,625 | 3,644 | 21,427 |

12. INVESTMENTS

| Shares in subsidiary | Total £ |
|---|------------|
| COST At 1 January 2003 and 31 December 2003 | 15,596 |
| NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2003 | 15,596 |
| At 31 December 2002 | 15,596 |

Investments represent two thirds of the issued share capital of BEVO Speditions-Gmbh, a company incorporated in Germany. The principal activity of the company is that of shipping and forwarding agents and worldwide chartering.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2003

13. DEBTORS

| | 2003 | 2002 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 448,401 | 521,215 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 73,432 | 264,226 |
| Corporation tax repayable | 7,948 | _ |
| VAT recoverable | 10,196 | 5,820 |
| Other debtors | 13,727 | 3,190 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 39,219 | 52,291 |
| | 592,923 | 846,742 |
| CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within on | e year | |

14.

| | | 2003 | | 2002 |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | £ | | £ |
| Trade creditors | | 179,824 | | 159,520 |
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | | 109,974 | | 281,262 |
| Other creditors including taxation and s | social security: | | | |
| Corporation tax | _ | | 33,265 | |
| PAYE and social security | 4,813 | | 708 | |
| Other creditors | 362,379 | | 157,522 | |
| | | 367,192 | | 191,495 |
| Accruals and deferred income | | 158,881 | | 177,942 |
| | | 815,871 | | 810,219 |

15. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 2003 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

| | Land & Buildings | |
|--------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £ | £ |
| Operating leases which expire: | | |
| Within 1 year | 8,500 | _ |
| After more than 5 years | - | 10,250 |
| - | | |
| | 8,500 | 10,250 |

16. CONTINGENCIES

Guarantees given by the bank to third parties and counter indemnified by the company amounted to £11,400 at 31 December 2003.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Aandahl A/S assumed control of the company on 23 May 2003. Prior to that date the company was under the control of Franck & Tobiesen A/S.

The company sold a vehicle to Mr D Smith for the sum of £3,000 during the year. This amount was still owing at 31 December 2003 and is shown in the financial statements under other debtors. The Ioan was repaid on 17 March 2004.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with group companies.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

| Authorised | share | capital: |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| TEMPERATION | Diller - | |

| | | 2003 £ | | 2002 £ |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|-----------|
| 5,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each | | 5,000 | | 5,000 |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid: | | | | |
| | 2 003 | | 2002 | |
| | No | <u>#</u> | No | £. |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | <u>5,000</u> | <u>5,000</u> | 5,000 | 5,000 |

19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

| ÷ | 2003 | 2002 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Profit for the financial year | 139,976 | 505,331 |
| Dividends | (132,450) | (388,432) |
| ·• | 7,526 | 116,899 |
| Opening shareholders' equity funds | 616,669 | 499,770 |
| Closing shareholders' equity funds | 624,195 | 616,669 |

20. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Aandahl A/S, incorporated in Denmark.