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for the year ended 31 December 2003

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# **S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2003**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2003.

### **Principal activities**

The company leases land at Liverpool Docks to provide export services to its parent company. All of its operating costs are recharged to the parent company.

### **Directors and their interests**

The directors who held office during the year are given below:

J A Harry

C T Harry

M P Harry

The directors are also directors and shareholders of the parent undertaking, and their interests therein are disclosed in that company's directors' report. None of the directors have shares in the company.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. The directors are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently. They also confirm that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003 and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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**

A resolution to reappoint PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as auditors to the company will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

### **By order of the Board**



J A Harry

**Director**

12 October 2004

# **S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

## **Independent auditors' report to the members of S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

### **Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or in to whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises only the directors' report.

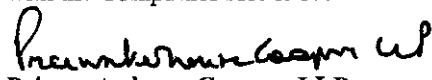
### **Basis of audit opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 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.



**PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
Liverpool

12 October 2004

## **S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

### **Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2003**

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Turnover	1	2,557	2,605
Operating costs		(2,440)	(2,481)
<b>Operating profit and profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	2	117	124
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(25)	(29)
<b>Retained profit for the financial year</b>	6	92	95

All of the company's activities are in respect of continuing operations.

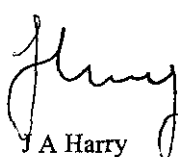
All recognised gains and losses are dealt with in the profit and loss account and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

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## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2003 £'000	2002 £'000	2002 £'000
<b>Current assets</b>					
Prepayments		79		79	
Amounts owed by parent undertaking		871		563	
			950		642
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Trade creditors		560		341	
VAT payable		21		22	
Corporation tax		26		28	
			607		391
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			343		251
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	5		-		-
Profit and loss account			343		251
<b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>	6		343		251

The financial statements on pages 3 to 7 were approved by the board of directors on 12 October 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:



J A Harry  
Director

# **S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

## **Accounting policies**

The principal accounting policies of the company, which are in accordance with United Kingdom accounting standards and the Companies Act 1985, are as follows.

### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the net amounts receivable from the parent undertaking for services rendered in the ordinary course of business during the financial year.

### **Operating leases**

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged as incurred over the lease term.

### **Cash flow statement**

No cash flow statement is prepared as the company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS1, as a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking established in Great Britain.

### **Related party transactions**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS8 not to disclose transactions with its parent undertaking.

# S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited

## Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003

### 1. Turnover and profit and loss analysis

The company's turnover and operating profit are attributable to its one class of business – that of providing export services to its parent undertaking.

### 2. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The directors do not receive any emoluments in respect of their services to this company.

The auditors' fees are borne by the parent undertaking.

Operating lease costs (other) for the year amounted to £434,000 (2002: £542,000).

### 3. Employee information

The company had no employees during the year (2002: nil).

### 4. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The taxation charge comprises UK corporation tax at 20% (2002: 20%) as follows:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Current year	26	28
Adjustment in respect of previous year	(1)	1
	25	29

The tax assessed for the current year is less than the standard rate of UK corporation tax. The differences are explained below:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	117	124
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate in the UK 30% (2002: 30%)	35	37
Tax at marginal rates	(9)	(11)
Adjustment in respect of previous year	(1)	1
Current tax charge for period	25	29

The company has no liability to deferred taxation.



## **S Norton & Co (Exports) Limited**

### **5. Called up share capital**

The company's authorised share capital is £1,000,000.

100 (2002: 100) £1 ordinary shares have been allotted and fully paid.

### **6. Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds**

	£'000
Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December 2002	251
Profit for the year	92
<b>Equity shareholders' funds at 31 December 2003</b>	<b>343</b>

### **7. Contingent liabilities and other commitments**

The company is party with its ultimate parent undertaking to a cross-guarantee in respect of any group indebtedness to its bankers.

At 31 December 2003 the company had annual commitments of £355,000 (2002: £345,000) under non-cancellable operating leases expiring within two to five years.

### **8. Ultimate parent undertaking**

The ultimate parent undertaking is S Norton & Co Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain, whose registered office is at Bankfield House, Bankfield Mill, Regent Road, Liverpool, L20 8RQ.