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**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

**31 DECEMBER 2002** 

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J A Fry A D Jeakings I A Davies J O Ellison

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2002.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £100,631 (2001: loss £65,693). The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of publishing books and magazines.

## **CHANGE OF NAME**

On 1 March 2002 the company changed its name from Summerhouse Publishing Limited to Archant Dialogue Limited.

## **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

The names of the directors who served during the year are listed below:

	Appointed	Resigned
P M Strong		May 22, 2002
J N Arnold		July 26, 2002
C H Lawrence	March 1, 2002	November 28, 2002
J Cormode		December 31, 2002
I A Davies		
J O Ellison		
J A Fry	May 22, 2002	
A D Jeakings	October 4, 2002	

Mr J A Fry and Mr A D Jeakings were also directors of the holding company at 31 December 2002 and have declared their interests in the shares of the holding company in that company's financial statements.

The interests of the other directors at 31 December 2002 in the shares of the holding company were as follows:

	2001	2002
Ordinary shares of 20p each		
I A Davies	27,987	29,936
J O Ellison	10,581	12,180

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which 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. 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; 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 confirm that the financial statements comply with the above requirements.

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**

Ernst & Young LLP will be re-appointed as the company's auditor in accordance with the elective resolution passed by the company under section 386 Companies Act 1985.

By order of the Board,

JD Ellison

Secretary

16 July 2003

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARCHANT DIALOGUE LIMITED

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 20. These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of 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 in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and 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.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2002 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young LLP Registered Auditor Cambridge 16 July 2003

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

• <i>'</i>	Note	2002 £	2001 £
TURNOVER	2	2,108,352	2,327,941
Operating costs	3	(1,971,313)	(2,444,025)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	4	137,039	(116,084)
Interest receivable	7	12	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		137,051	(116,084)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	8	(36,420)	50,391
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		100,631	(65,693)
DIVIDENDS		-	-
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	16	100,631	(65,693)

There are no recognised gains or losses for the period other than those included in the profit and loss account above.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 2002**

	Note	2002	2001
* *		£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	70,985	112,767
CURRENT ASSETS			
Work in progress Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10	18,000 694,777 383	23,545 512,332 41,340
		713,160	577,217
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	11	(450,572)	(488,542)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		262,588	88,675
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		333,573	201,442
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12	(31,500)	-
NET ASSETS		302,073	201,442
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	15 16	2,000 300,073	2,000 199,442
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16	302,073	201,442

Approved by the Board on 16 July 2003.

A Jeakings Director

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and are drawn up in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the company has adopted FRS 19 'Deferred Tax'. The adoption of FRS 19 has resulted in a change of accounting policy for deferred taxation. Deferred taxation is recognised on a full provision basis in accordance with the accounting policy described below. Previously, deferred taxation was provided on a partial provision basis, whereby provision was made on all timing differences to the extent that they were expected to reverse in the future without replacement.

This change in accounting policy has not resulted in a prior year adjustment, as the amount credited in the current year relating to prior years is not significant. The current year tax charge has been reduced by £2,811 in respect of a deferred tax credit recorded in 2002 but relating to 2001 and prior periods.

## (b) Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold land and buildings Computer equipment - straight line over the term of the lease

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

25% straight line25% straight line

#### (c) Stocks

Work in progress has been stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

## (d) Deferred taxation

Full provision for deferred taxation is made in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items in the financial statements and their treatment for taxation purposes at the balance sheet date. The provision is calculated without discounting. Deferred taxation assets are recognised to the extent that, based on available evidence, it is more likely than not that suitable taxable profits will arise from which the asset may be recovered.

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation 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.

## (e) Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

## (f) Pensions

The parent company operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions to this scheme are charged in the company's profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

## 2 TURNOVER

Turnover, which is stated net of value added tax, arises from the continuing principal activities. Sales to the rest of Europe totalled £775,764 (2001: £628,170); sales to the USA were £55,450 (2001: £65,718); and sales to the rest of the world were £15,064 (2001: £nil). All other sales were made in the United Kingdom.

3	OPERATING COSTS	2002	2001
		£	£
	Change in work in progress	5,545	19,443
	Other external charges	826,163	986,906
	Staff costs (Note 5)	755,348	934,435
	Depreciation	45,255	47,915
	Other operating charges	339,002	455,326
		1,971,313	2,444,025
4	OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2002	2001
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation - tangible fixed assets	45,255	47,915
	Auditors' remuneration in respect of audit services	6,000	6,400
	Operating lease rentals	57,050	56,975
	Directors' remuneration, including benefits in kind	72,021	107,765
5	EMPLOYEES	2002	2001
		£	£
	Staff costs during the year:		
	Wages and salaries	680,537	806,752
	Social security costs	55,466	78,477
	Other pension costs	14,764	43,106
	Parent company staff share scheme	4,581	6,100
		755,348	934,435
		Number	Number
	The average number of persons employed by the company		
	during the year was:	24	30
c	DIRECTORS REMUNEDATION	2002	2004
6	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION	2002 £	2001 £
	Emoluments	68,115	102,161
	Contributions to money purchase pension scheme	3,906	5,604
	Remuneration including pension contributions	72,021	107,765

The number of directors for whom retirement benefits are accruing under money purchase pension schemes were nil (2001: 1).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

7	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
	•	2002	2001
		£	£
	Interest received on corporation tax refund	12	-
8	TAX ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2002	2001
	TAX ON ONDINARY ACTIVITIES	£	£
	UK corporation tax charge/(credit)		
	current year	61,698	(29,682)
	prior year	-	(20,709)
		61,698	(50,391)
	Deferred taxation		
	current year	(16,890)	-
	prior year	(5,577)	-
	deferred tax arising on adoption of FRS 19	(2,811)	-
		(25,278)	-
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	36,420	(50,391)
	Factors affecting current tax charge		
	The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher	er than the standard	
	rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2001 - 30%). The differences a	are reconciled below	!.
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	137,051	(116,084)
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of		
	corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2001 - 30%)	41,115	(34,825)
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	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,693	2,436
	Decelerated capital allowances	16,890	-
	Movement in unprovided deferred tax	-	2,707
	Tax overprovided in prior years	-	(20,709)
	Total current tax above	61,698	(50,391)

The provision for deferred taxation, the amounts unprovided, and the movements in the provision are detailed in Note 13.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

9	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Total
	* 6	£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 January 2002	18,984	263,158	282,142
	Additions	2,384	18,129	20,513
	Disposals	(21,368)	-	(21,368)
	At 31 December 2002	-	281,287	281,287
	Depreciation			
	At 1 January 2002	3,248	166,127	169,375
	Charge for year	1,080	44,175	45,255
	Eliminated on disposals	(4,328)	-	(4,328)
	At 31 December 2002	-	210,302	210,302
	Net book amount	·- <u>-</u>		
	At 31 December 2002		70,985	70,985
	At 31 December 2001	15,736	97,031	112,767
40	DEDZODO		0000	2004
10	DEBTORS		2002 £	2001 £
	Trade debtors		481,021	395,680
	Other debtors		30,970	31,135
	Balances due from group companies		99,894	-
	Corporation tax recoverable and group relief re	ceivable	25,310	53,702
	Deferred taxation asset (Note 13)		25,278	-
	Prepayments and accrued income		32,304	31,815
			694,777	512,332
11	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one	e year	2002	2001
			£	£
	Bank overdraft		25,916	-
	Trade creditors		172,782	181,516
	Other creditors		120,938	156,685
	Corporation tax Other taxation and social security payable		61,698	- 19,501
	Amounts owing to group companies		15,864 53,374	130,840
	, and a fire of the group companies			
	,		450,572	488,542
10	DROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND OUABO	Ee	2002	2004
12	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARG	EO ·	2002 £	2001 £
	Provision for dilapidations on leasehold propert	у	31,500	-
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

## 13 DEFERRED TAXATION

The deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the amounts not provided are as follows;

<b>₽</b> F	Provided		Not provide	Not provided	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	
	£	£	£	£	
Accelerated capital allowances	(12,589)	-	-	(2,518)	
Other short-term timing differences	(12,689)	-	-	(292)	
	(25,278)			(2,810)	
The movement in the provision for deferred	taxation are as follow	s:			
			2002	2001	
			£	£	
At 1 January			-	-	
Origination and reversal of timing difference	es		(22,467)	-	
Arising on adoption of FRS 19			(2,811)	-	
At 31 December		-	(25,278)	-	
		-			

## 14 PENSION COSTS

All eligible employees have the opportunity to join the parent company's defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £14,764 (2001: £43,106).

The unpaid contributions outstanding at the year end, included in 'other creditors' (Note 11) are £3,986 (2001: £2,513).

The disclosures required by FRS 17 in respect of the parent company's pension schemes are given in the financial statements of the parent company. It is not practical to apportion these disclosures across the various subsidiaries of the group.

15	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		2002 £	2001 £
	Authorised 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	•	100,000	100,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 2,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		2,000	2,000
16	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	Share capital £	Profit & loss account £	Shareholders' funds £
	At 31 December 2000	2,000	265,135	267,135
	Loss for the year	-	(65,693)	(65,693)
	At 31 December 2001	2,000	199,442	201,442
	Profit for the year	-	100,631	100,631
	At 31 December 2002	2,000	300,073	302,073

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

## 17 ,OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Company has annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases analysed by the date of the termination of the lease as follows:

	Land a	Land and buildings		
	2002	2001		
	£	£		
Within one year	-	-		
Between two and five years	· -	-		
After five years	57,050	56,975		
	57,050	56,975		

All companies in the Group have provided a cross guarantee, by way of a debenture, in relation to the overdraft facility with Barclays Bank Plc. Details of the overdraft facility are contained in the Archant Limited group financial statements.

## 18 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the Archant Limited group.

## 19 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

At 31 December 2002, the parent undertaking for which group financial statements are drawn up and of which the company was a member was Archant Limited registered in England and Wales. Copies of that company's financial statements can be obtained from The Registrar, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff.

# 20 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company has taken advantage of the dispensation under FRS1 Section 8 (c) not to publish a cash flow statement. The cash flow statement of the Group is published in the financial statements of Archant Limited.