COMPANY NUMBER: 2299283

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- for the year ended -

31 DECEMBER 1994

GOODMAN JONES Chartered Accountants 29/30 Fitzroy Square, London, W1P 6LQ

Reference GPB/SN/2617/SIW



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A.J. Welling A.S. Johnstone R. Morley

SECRETARY

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SOLICITORS

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PRINCIPAL BANKERS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1994.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company acts as a holding company for the group.

As set out in notes 4 and 14 to the accounts, following a shareholders agreement, the capital structure of the group was reorganised. As a result a loan due to Commercial Union from a group company was written off in the year, and further share capital was subscribed for by Commercial Union.

The group remains committed to its policy of investment to expand the membership base and continues to concentrate on its marketing and promotional drive.

With continued tight control over costs, and the focusing of the groups efforts on specific segments of the population, the directors consider that the group remains strategically placed, able to take full advantage of future demographic changes in the country's population.

DIVIDENDS

The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend. It is proposed that the consolidated profit of £22,809 is transferred to reserves.

FIXED ASSETS

All movements in fixed assets are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors at the balance sheet date and their interests in the company at that date were as stated below.

		Number o	r snares
	Class of shares	1994	1993
R.M. Rose	Ordinary shares	300	300
J.E. Rose	Ordinary shares	75	75
A.J. Welling	Ordinary shares	-	-
L. Wale	Ordinary shares	-	-

Messrs K. Rutherford, R. Clough, R. S. Leaf and J. Bird resigned as directors on 30 June 1994, 16 September 1994, 26 October 1994 and 30 November 1994 respectively. Mr P.J.W. Hamilton, A.S. Johnstone and R. Morley were appointed as directors on 16 February 1995, 31 May 1995 and 1 August 1995 respectively. Mr L. Wale and P. Hamilton resigned as directors on 31 May 1995 and 1 August 1995 respectively. Mr R.M. Rose and Mrs J.E. Rose resigned as directors on 20 October 1995.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED)

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS (CONTINUED)

In addition the directors listed below had the following interests in the ultimate parent company.

	Class of shares	Shares At 31 Decen	Options ober 1994		Options ember 1993
A. Welling	Ordinary 25p share	957	20,941	924	20.941

None of the other directors of the company at the year end had any interest in the ultimate holding 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 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;
- 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. 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.

TAXATION STATUS

The company is not a close company as defined by the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Goodman Jones, Chartered Accountants, are willing to be re-appointed in accordance with section 384 of the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the Board

Date: 4 01 2 .95

Secretary

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
COMMERCIAL UNION COMPANY
SECRETARIAL SERVICES LIMITED

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RETIREX LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 16 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described in the Directors' Report the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. 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 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.

Fundamental uncertainty

In forming our opinion, we have considered the company's need for the continuing support of its ultimate parent company, Commercial Union Assurance Company Plc, to provide working capital to the group in view of the group's trading losses and the interdependancy of trade within the group. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, the validity of which depends upon necessary funds continuing to be made available to enable the group to trade. The financial statements do not include any adjustment that would result from a withdrawal of the group's present facilities. Our opinion is not qualified in this respect.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 31 December 1994 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

GOODMAN JONES
Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants

29/30 Fitzroy Square, London, W1P 6LQ

Date: 20th Docember 1995

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	NOTES	1994	1993
		£	£
TURNOVER	2	1,556,078	1,209,832
Cost of sales		(879,494)	(710,364)
GROSS PROFIT		676,584	499,468
Marketing and promotional costs		(146,423)	(84,697)
Administrative expenses		(747,360)	(643,067)
OPERATING LOSS	3	(217,199)	(228,296)
Other income Interest payable	4 5	247,811 (7,803)	249,206 (11,514)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX		22,809	9,396
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		-	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15	22,809	9,396

None of the group's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

	NOTES		1994		93
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		33,057		25,292
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	10 11	8,504 284,796 29,679	5	363 181,448 163,398	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	e 12	322,979 (909,956		345,209 (952,027)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(586,977)		(606,818)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(553,920)		(581,526)
CREDITORS: Amounts falling duafter more than one year	e 13				(245,203)
			(553,920)		(826,729)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Share premium Profit and loss account	14 15		501,000 1,549,675 (2,604,595)		251,000 1,549,675 (2,627,404)
			(553,920)		(826,729)

The financial statements were approved by the board on $\psi = 12.95$ and signed on its behalf by:-

Directors



BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 1994

	NOTES	19	994	19	993
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	9		394		394
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	11	2,696,207 794		2,444,930 672	
		2,697,001		2,445,602	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling during within one year	e 12	(390,287)		(390,287)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			2,306,714		2,055,315
NET ASSETS			2,307,108		2,055,709
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Share premium	14		501,000 1,549,675		251,000 1,549,675
Profit and loss account	15		256,433		255,034
			2,307,108		2,055,709

The financial statements were approved by the board on $\ \iota \psi \circ \iota z \cdot \sigma S$ and signed on its behalf by:-

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CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	NOTES	£	1994	£	£	1993	£
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPE ACTIVITIES	RATING 17			(451,826)			(41,838)
Return on investments and servicing of finance: Interest received Interest paid Interest element on hire purchase and finance lease contracts		2,608 (189 (7,61	9)		2,091 (6,109 (5,405)	
NET CASH OUTFLOWS FROM RE ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICII OF FINANCE			_	(5,195)		-	(9,423)
Investing activities:							
Purchase of tangible assets Receipts from sale of tangible asset	s	(22,39	7)		(14,852 3,750		
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTI ACTIVITIES	NG			(22,397)		_	(11,102)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE F	INANCIN	G		(479,418)			(62,363)
Financing:							
Share issue Repayment of capital on hire purcha	19	250,00	0		250,000)	
and finance lease contracts	_		_	_	(5,169	9)	
				250,000			244,831
			5	(229,418)		:==	182,468
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	18		=	(229,418)		-2.=	182,468



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Retirex Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings. No profit and loss account is presented for Retirex Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

The results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of their acquisition or up to the date of their disposal. Intra-group transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation, being the excess of the purchase price over the value of the net assets acquired, is written off immediately on acquisition against reserves.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided using the following rates and bases to reduce by annual instalments the cost of the tangible assets over their estimated useful lives:-

Leasehold property

Written down to its estimated net realisable value

Furniture, fixtures and equipment

and equipment 15% Straight line
Motor vehicles 25% Straight line
Computer equipment 33% Straight line

Depreciation of intangible assets

The company's policy is to write off goodwill on acquisition directly to reserves. The directors have taken a prudent view and written off £120,546 in previous years. This goodwill related to the acquisition of customer databases.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is written off as incurred.

Deferred marketing and promotional costs

Expenditure on marketing and promotion is written off over a period of three years, being less than the average membership duration.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided where there is a reasonable probability of the amount becoming payable in the foreseeable future.

Leasing and hire purchase

Other interest receivable

Loan waived

Assets acquired under finance leases or hire purchase contracts are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance charges and interest are taken to the profit & loss account in constant proportion to the remaining balance of capital repayments or net obligations outstanding.

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

2. TURNOVER

The contributions of the various activities of the group to turnover are set out below:-

	Area of activity	1994 £	1993 £
	Area of activity: Fees for provision of services to members	954,433	845,927
	Sale of advertising space	391,711	203,883
	Commission receivable	99,853	89,976
	Magazine sales	55,294	4,000
	Organising events	5,030	6,026
	Other income	49,757	60,020
		1,556,078	1,209,832
3.	OPERATING PROFIT	1994 £	1993 £
	The operating loss is stated after charging:-	44600	10.014
	Depreciation	14,632	18,641
	Auditors' remuneration	7,750	7,910
	Operating lease rentals:- Land and buildings	50,900	48,790
4.	OTHER INCOME	1994 £	1993 £

The above loan, due to Commercial Union Life Assurance Company Plc, was waived as a result of a shareholders agreement, which was entered into on 2 November 1993.

2,608

245,203

247,811

2,092

247,114

249,206



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

5 .	INTEREST PAYABLE	1994 £	1993 £
	On bank loans and overdrafts and on loans repayable in full within five years Lease finance charges and hire purchase interest	189 7,614	6,109 5,405
		7,803	11,514
6.	DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES	1994 £	1993 £
	Staff costs		
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	243,714 25,968 1,719	202,172 16,769 1,875
		271,401	220,816
	The average number of persons employed by the group is analysed as follows:-	Number	<u>Number</u>
	Administration	17_	17
	Directors' emoluments for the year: Remuneration for management services (including pension costs)	£30,466	£40,753

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. Contributions payable by the group amounted to £1,719 (1993: £1,875).

7. PROFIT OF THE PARENT COMPANY

The parent company has taken advantage of Section 230(3) of the Companies Act 1985 and has not published it own profit and loss account. The amount of the group's retained profit for the financial year dealt with in the accounts of the parent company is £1,398 (1993: £320).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

8. TANGIBLE ASSETS

Group	Furniture, fixtures and equipment	Motor vehicles	Computer equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year Additions Disposals	22,762 3,982 	- - -	78,191 18,415	100,953 22,397
At end of year	26,744	-	96,606	123,350
Depreciation				
At beginning of year On disposals	8,111 -	-	67,550	75,661
Charge for year	3,813		10,819	14,632
At end of year	11,924		78,369	90,293
Net book values:-				
At end of year	14,820	-	18,237	33,057
At beginning of year	14,651	0	10,641	25,292



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

9. INVESTMENTS

Company

Cost £

At beginning of year 394
Written off in year ______

At end of year 394

The following were the operating subsidiaries at the balance sheet date:-

Description and proportion of Subsidiary share capital Country of Nature of undertakings owned incorporation Business ARP Management Ordinary 90% England Provision of member benefits to nation-wide association Services Limited ARP Publishing Limited Ordinary 100% England Publishers of quarterly magazine **ARP Financial** Ordinary 100% Provision of financial England Services Limited products ARP Exhibitions Limited Ordinary 100% England Non-trading Ordinary 100% England Non-trading **Grey Panthers Limited** Age Works Limited Ordinary 100% England Non-trading Ordinary 100% Non-trading Third Age Resource England

10. STOCKS

Limited

Group f f fFinished goods and goods for resale g

1994

1993

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

11 .	DEBTORS	400.4	
(a)	Group	1994 £	1993 £
	Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	188,926 22,355 73,515	98,210 23,392 59,846
	, ,	284,796	181,448
(b)	Company		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,696,207	2,444,930
	Included in the above are amounts due after more than one year as foll		
	Group	1994 £	1993 £
	Other debtors	21,497	21,161
12 .	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR:		
12 . (a)	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR: Group	1994 £	1993 £
	Group Bank loans and overdrafts	£ 95,699	£
	Group Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Other taxes and social security costs	£	
	Group Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors Other taxes and social security costs Net obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	£ 95,699 108,615 9,042	£ 233,383 6,095
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

13 .	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YE	AR:	
		1994 £	1993 £

Loans	 245,205

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	1994 £	1993 £
Authorised: 10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000
500,000 Cumulative preference shares of £1 each	500,000_	500,000
	510,000	510,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	4.000	4.000
1,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each 250,000 Cumulative preference shares of £1 each	1,000 500,000	1,000 250,000
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	501,000	<u>251,000</u>

The capital structure of the holding company was restructured on 2 November 1993 via a shareholders agreem The company increased its authorised share capital to include 500,000 £1 cumulative redeemable preference s which were subscribed for, in full, by Commercial Union Assurance Company Plc.

In 1993 the board of directors accepted the subscription and as an interim measure allotted, for cash, 250,000 o cumulative preference shares. The remaining 250,000 shares were allotted, for cash, in the present year. This treatment is in accordance with the terms of the shareholders agreement.

15 . PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

13	. PROFIT AND LOGG ACCOUNT	4004	4000
(a)	Group	1994 £	1993 £
	Accumulated losses at 1 January 1994 Retained profit for the year	(2,627,404) 22,809	(2,636,800)
	Accumulated losses at 31 December 1994	(2,604,595)	(2,627,404)
(b)	Company		
	Accumulated losses at 1 January 1994 Retained profit for the year	255,034 1,399	254,714 320
	Accumulated losses at 31 December 1994	256,433	255,034



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

16 .	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1994 £	1993 £
	Retained profit for the year New share capital subscribed	22,809 250,000	9,396 250,000
	Shareholders' funds at 1 January 1994	272,809 (826,729)	259,396 (1,086,125)
	Shareholders' funds at 31 December 1994	(553,920)	(826,729)

17 . RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1994 £	1993 £
Operating profit Depreciation Profit on disposal of fixed assets Increase in stock Increase in debtors Decrease in creditors Profit on write off of loan	(217,199) 14,632 (8,141) (103,348) (382,973) 245,203 (451,826)	(228,296) 18,641 (1,250) 5,637 13,572 (97,256) 247,114 (41,838)

18 . ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1994 £	1993 £
Cash at bank and in hand at 1 January 1994 Cash at bank and in hand at 31 December 1994	163,398 29,679	75,375 163,398
Net movement	(133,719)	88,023
Bank overdraft at 1 January 1994 Bank overdraft at 31 December 1994	(95,699)	(94,445)
Net movement	(95,699)	94,445
Total net movements	(229,418)	182,468



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

19. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

ANALISIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DOMING THE FEAR	1994 £	1993 £
Share capital at beginning of year Shares issued for cash	251,000 250,000	1,000 250,000
Share capital at end of year	501,000	251,000

20 . REVENUE COMMITMENTS

Group

The amounts payable in the next year in respect of operating leases are shown below, analysed according to the expiry date of the leases.

according to the expiry date of the leases.	1994 £	1993 £
Expiry date:		
After five years	33,000	33,000

21 . CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

An agreement exists allowing the Midland Bank Plc to offset specific credit balances of the company against liabilities arising out of a counter indemnity in favour of the Post Office. This indemnity in the sum of £25,000 was issued by a subsidiary undertaking, ARP Management Services Limited.

Other amounts authorised by directors but not contracted for were £NIL (1993: £18,000) for the group.

22. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company is Commercial Union Assurance Company Plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

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