

Domnick Hunter Trustees Limited
Directors' report and accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2001

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2001

The Directors present their report together with the audited accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Review of the business

The Company's principal activity during the year was acting as Trustee to the Domnick Hunter Employee Trust.

Results and dividends

The loss on ordinary activities after taxation amounted to £45 (2000 - £65). The Directors do not propose to pay a dividend (2000 - £Nil).

Directors and their interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

B Thompson
CT Billiet
CJ Gill

The directors holding office at 31 December 2001 are directors of domnick hunter group plc, which is the Company's ultimate parent undertaking and their interests in the shares of that company are disclosed in the accounts of domnick hunter group plc.

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 confirm that appropriate accounting policies have been used and applied and that reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001. The Directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis. The Directors are responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board



CJ Gill
Secretary

22 October 2002

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Domnick Hunter Trustees Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes.

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.

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.

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 2001 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



PricewaterhouseCoopers

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Newcastle upon Tyne

22 October 2002

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Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2001

| | Note | 2001 £ | 2000 £ |
|--|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Administrative expenses | | (45) | (65) |
| Loss on ordinary activities before and after taxation | 6 | (45) | (65) |

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year, hence a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been prepared.

The operating loss relates entirely to continuing operations.

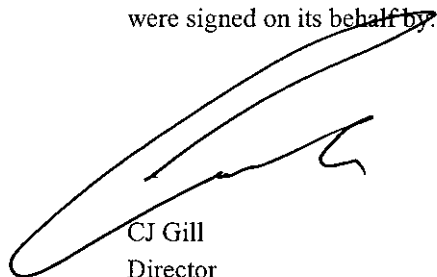
There is no difference between reported losses and historical cost losses.

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2001

| | Note | 2001 £ | 2000 £ |
|--|------|--------------|--------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 3 | 24 | 24 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 4 | (535) | (490) |
| Net current liabilities | | (511) | (466) |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up equity share capital | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Profit and loss account | 6 | (513) | (468) |
| Equity shareholders' funds | 7 | (511) | (466) |

The financial statements on pages 3 to 8 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 October 2002 and were signed on its behalf by:



CJ Gill
Director

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Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been drawn up on the going concern basis as the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, domnick hunter group plc, has confirmed that it will provide financial support to allow the Company to meet its obligations as they fall due.

Accounting convention and accounting standards

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

Cash Flow

The Company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of domnick hunter group plc and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001

1 Auditors' remuneration

There is no charge in respect of auditors' remuneration in the accounts.

2 Directors' emoluments

None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company.

3 Debtors

| | 2001 | 2000 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 24 | 24 |

4 Creditors – amounts falling due within one year

| | 2001 | 2000 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Bank overdraft | 285 | 240 |
| Accruals | 250 | 250 |
| | 535 | 490 |

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5 Equity share capital

| | 2001 £ | 2000 £ |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Authorised | | |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | 100 | 100 |
| Allotted and fully paid | | |
| Ordinary shares of £1 each | 2 | 2 |

6 Profit and loss account

| | £ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Balance at 1 January 2001 | (468) |
| Loss withdrawn for the year | (45) |
| Balance at 31 December 2001 | (513) |

7 Reconciliation of movement in equity shareholders' funds

| | 2001 £ | 2000 £ |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Loss for the financial year | (45) | (65) |
| Opening equity shareholders' funds | (466) | (401) |
| Closing equity shareholders' funds | (511) | (466) |

8 Contingent liabilities

The Company has given a cross guarantee on the obligations by a fellow subsidiary under a facilities agreement with the Group's bankers. At 30 September 2002 the liability was £1,576,000 (2000 - £4,223,000).

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9 Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, and ultimate controlling party, is domnick hunter group plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain. Copies of the group accounts can be obtained from domnick hunter group plc, Durham Road, Birtley, DH3 2SF.

Transactions with other companies within the group are not disclosed as the Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No.8 "Related Party Disclosures", as the consolidated accounts of domnick hunter group plc, in which the Company is included, are publicly available at the address noted above.