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Alchemy Partners Limited

Directors' report and accounts

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Directors report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors submit their report and the accounts for the year ended 30 April 2001.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of a service company. The directors are satisfied with the company's results for the period.

Results and dividends

The profit for the period after taxation amounted to £37,618 (2000:£39,146).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2000:£nil) and therefore the balance on the profit and loss account has been taken to reserves.

Directors and interests in shares

The directors of the company who held office throughout the year, unless otherwise stated, were:

R Barnes	(appointed 17 July 2000)
J Bostock	
P Casey	(appointed 5 March 2001)
J Newton	
B Stephens	(appointed 5 March 2001)
S Woodman	

As detailed in note 11 R Barnes is a partner of Alchemy Partners and consequently has a beneficial interest in the 2 shares of the company that are held on behalf of the partnership.

None of the other directors had any interest in the shares of the company at any time during the year.

Accounts

Advantage has been taken in preparing the above report of special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the board



Susan Woodman
Secretary

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16 July 2001

Statement of 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 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Report of the auditors to the members of Alchemy Partners Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 2, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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. 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.

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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 April 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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KPMG
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

16 July 2001

Profit and loss account
for the year ended 30 April 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover		1,651,000	1,469,000
Administrative expenses		(1,616,648)	(1,441,385)
Other operating income		6,000	10,667
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Operating profit		40,352	38,282
Interest receivable and similar income		212	302
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Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	40,564	38,584
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(2,946)	562
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Profit for the financial year		37,618	39,146
Retained profit brought forward		70,025	30,879
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Retained profit carried forward		107,643	70,025
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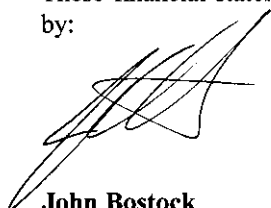
There is no difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

Balance sheet
at 30 April 2001

	Note	£	2001	£	£	2000	£
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	5		92,054			125,678	
Current assets							
Other debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	6	-			99,584		
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	6	192,299			76,448		
Cash at bank and in hand		26			75		
			192,325		176,107		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(176,734)			(174,258)		
Net current assets/(liabilities)			15,591			1,849	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7		-			(57,500)	
			107,645			70,027	
Capital and reserves							
Called up share capital	9		2			2	
Profit and loss account			107,643			70,025	
Equity shareholders' funds	10		107,645			70,027	

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 16 July 2001 and were signed on its behalf by:



John Bostock
Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting convention

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts receivable for services provided, excluding value added tax.

Depreciation of tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets so as to write them off over their anticipated useful lives at the following annual rates on a straight line basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
Leasehold improvements	-	over the period of the lease
Computer equipment	-	50%

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is calculated using the full provision basis in accordance with FRS 19.

Pension contributions

The company makes payments to a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of certain of its employees. The amount charged against profits represents the contributions payable in respect of the accounting period.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2001 £	2000 £
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit	3,000	2,600
Accountancy services	13,000	7,400
Depreciation of fixed assets	77,370	66,674
Rentals under operating leases	239,000	239,000
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Notes (continued)

3 Directors and other employees

Staff costs include the following:

	2001 £	2000 £
Wages and salaries	906,573	789,968
Social security costs	109,958	87,870
Other pension costs	55,588	44,002
	<u>1,072,119</u>	<u>921,840</u>

The average number of administration staff employed by the company during the year was 15 (2000: 14).

The remuneration of the directors was as follows:

	2001 £	2000 £
Directors' emoluments		
In respect of management services	321,329	297,042
Pension costs	32,403	29,097
	<u>353,732</u>	<u>326,139</u>

The highest paid director received emoluments of £161,093 in respect of management services and had £23,313 paid into a personal pension plan during the year.

Two of the remaining directors had contributions paid into a personal pension plan during the year.

4 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2001 £	2000 £
Based on the profit for the period:		
Corporation tax at 20% (2000: 20%)	3,082	136
Over-provision in prior year	(136)	(698)
	<u>2,946</u>	<u>(562)</u>

Notes (continued)

5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures, fittings and leasehold improvements £	Computer equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>			
At 30 April 2000	163,622	103,532	267,154
Additions	8,459	35,287	43,746
Disposals	(6,625)	(50,637)	(57,262)
	<hr/> 165,456	<hr/> 88,182	<hr/> 253,638
<i>Accumulated depreciation</i>			
At 30 April 2000	73,777	67,699	141,476
Charge for year	40,564	36,806	77,370
Disposals	(6,625)	(50,637)	(57,262)
	<hr/> 107,716	<hr/> 53,868	<hr/> 161,584
<i>Net book value</i>			
30 April 2001	<hr/> 57,740	<hr/> 34,314	<hr/> 92,054
30 April 2000	<hr/> 89,845	<hr/> 35,833	<hr/> 125,678

6 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year	2001 £	2000 £
Trade debtors	54,657	33,335
Other debtors – lease deposit	99,584	-
Prepayments and accrued income	38,058	43,113
	<hr/> 192,299	<hr/> 76,448
Amounts falling due after more than one year	2001 £	2000 £
Other debtors – lease deposit	-	99,584
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Notes (continued)

7 Creditors

	2001 £	2000 £
Amounts falling due within one year		
Bank loans and overdrafts	29,054	433
Trade creditors	16,766	43,806
Taxation and social security	50,796	43,710
Accruals and deferred income	80,118	86,309
	<u>176,734</u>	<u>174,258</u>
	2001 £	2000 £
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Accruals and deferred income	-	57,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>57,500</u>

8 Operating leases

At 30 April 2001, the company had an annual commitment under a non-cancellable operating lease relating to land and buildings of £239,000. This lease expires on 24 March 2002.

9 Called up share capital

	2001 £	2000 £
Authorised		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>
Allotted and fully paid		
2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Notes (continued)

10 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2001 £	2000 £
Profit for the financial year	37,618	39,146
Net addition to shareholders' funds	37,618	39,146
Opening shareholders' funds	70,027	30,881
Closing shareholders' funds	107,645	70,027

11 Related party transactions

The company's income is all derived from management charges invoiced for services provided to Alchemy Partners. It is the opinion of the directors that the collective Partnership of Alchemy Partners has overall control of the company. At 30 April 2001 Alchemy Partners owed the company £54,657. R Barnes, a director of the company, is a partner of Alchemy Partners.

12 Pensions

The company provides pension contributions to certain of its employees individual personal pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the accounts as stated in note 1 and there were no outstanding contributions of (2000:£4,767) as at the balance sheet date. Pension costs charged in the year were £55,588 (2000:£44,002).

Unaudited detailed profit and loss account

for the year ended 30 April 2001

	2001	2000
£	£	£
Administration charge income	1,651,000	1,469,000
Administration charges		
Wages	585,244	492,926
Other staff costs	12,023	5,853
Directors' remuneration	321,329	297,042
Employers NIC	109,958	87,870
Pension costs	55,588	44,002
Staff recruitment costs	3,146	28,426
Staff training	2,685	-
Rent and rates	213,556	195,057
Service charges	46,717	42,135
Insurance	2,743	819
Light and heat	4,263	4,257
Catering	31,713	29,790
Repairs	9,334	10,963
Maintenance contracts	2,594	1,741
Printers and computer equipment	23,769	20,875
Postage and delivery	16,014	15,496
Stationery, printing and reproduction	25,594	22,135
Publications and subscriptions	1,568	3,400
Telephone	29,769	26,608
Cleaning	8,354	7,938
Travel and entertaining	7,046	17,027
Audit, accountancy etc	21,116	14,593
Legal and professional fees	3,063	2,296
Bank charges	1,041	811
Miscellaneous	1,051	2,651
Depreciation	77,370	66,674
Bank interest received	(212)	(302)
Total administration charges	(1,616,436)	(1,441,083)
Other operating income	6,000	10,667
Net profit	40,564	38,584