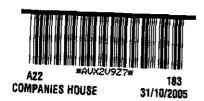
INTELLIGENT PROCESSING SOLUTIONS LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2004



Registered No. 04007855

DIRECTORS

D Cartwright

(Resigned 24 March 2004)

J Smith D Cavuoto

(Appointed 4 February 2004, Resigned 22 July 2004)

J Little

(Resigned 31 December 2004)

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(Resigned 24 March 2004) (Resigned 31 December 2004)

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The result for the year ended 31 December 2004 amounted to a loss of £17,188,000 (2003: £12,251,000). The directors do not propose any dividends for the year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY, REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Intelligent Processing Solutions Limited carries out wholesale cheque clearing and settlement services on behalf of major UK banks and other financial services customers. The company has a leading market position in these outsourcing activities and the aim is to increase the share of this business still further over the next few years. A significant investment programme has commenced, designed both to improve operational efficiency and to meet the future business needs of customers. The company's strategic intent is to leverage its expertise and scale to diversify into the wider transaction processing market, notably in the areas of remittance processing, image services and electronic transaction processing.

SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

On 31 December 2004 the company's authorised share capital was 200 Ordinary shares. There were no changes during the year.

FIXED ASSETS

The details of the fixed assets movement are shown in note 9.

DISABLED EMPLOYEES

It is the company's policy to give full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirement of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the company's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion to disabled employees wherever appropriate.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

It is the company's policy that there should be effective communication with all employees who, subject to practical and commercial consideration, should be consulted and involved in decisions that affect their current jobs or future prospects. The achievement of this policy has to be treated flexibly in accordance with the varying circumstances and needs of the company, but in all cases, the emphasis is on communication at the local level. The company has a policy of informing employees of the affairs of the company by a series of internal newsletters, regular broadcasts and increased use of the Intranet.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors of the company serving in the year are listed on page 1. On 9 March 2005, R Holmes was appointed as a director of the company. On 23 March 2005 W Au and A Welch were appointed as directors of the company. On 13 April 2005 C Walklin was appointed as a director of the company.

The directors at 31 December 2004 had no interests, nor options, in the ordinary share capital of the company at the beginning or end of the year. As permitted by Statutory Instrument 1985 No. 802 they are not required to disclose their interests and options in the ordinary share capital of the ultimate parent undertaking.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

It is the company's policy that payments to suppliers are made in accordance with those terms and conditions agreed between the company and its suppliers, provided that all trading terms and conditions have been complied with.

At 31 December 2004, the company had an average of 44 days purchases outstanding in trade creditors.

AUDITORS

A resolution to reappoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

J J Smith Director

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on a 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 statutory accounts 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INTELLIGENT PROCESSING SOLUTIONS LIMITED

We have audited the company's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2004, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes 1 to 22. 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 any 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 2004 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Registered Auditor

Reading

31 October 2005

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
TURNOVER	3	131,962	139,531
Cost of sales		(141,022)	(149,564)
GROSS LOSS		(9,060)	(10,033)
Administrative expenses		(704)	(709)
OPERATING LOSS	4	(9,764)	(10,742)
Restructuring costs Bank interest receivable Intercompany interest payable	5	(11,625) 97 (953)	(5,984) 19 (793)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(22,245)	(17,500)
Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities	8	5,057	5,249
LOSS RETAINED FOR THE PERIOD	:	(17,188)	(12,251)

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the losses for each of the periods shown.

A statement of the movement on reserves can be found in note 15.

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	9	102,380	87,975
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors Cash	10	22,018 11,607	43,808 13,931
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	11	33,625 (129,766)	57,739 (122,440)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(96,141)	(64,701)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,239	23,274
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(6,445)	(7,144)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	13	(18,512)	(17,660)
		(18,718)	(1,530)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	14		
Share premium account Profit and loss account	15 15	17,500 (36,218)	17,500 (19,030)
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	:	(18,718)	(1,530)

Approved by the board on 26/10/2005

J J Smith Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Notes	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	16(A)	(5,328)	35,649
RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest paid		(856)	(774)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(25,640)	(31,687)
FINANCING		20.500	10.500
Loan from parent undertaking		29,500	10,500
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH		(2,324)	13,688
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS	=	2004	2003
		£'000	£'000
(Decrease)/increase in cash		(2,324)	13,688
Cash inflow from loan from parent undertaking		(29,500)	(10,500)
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MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS		(31,824)	3,188
NET FUNDS/(DEBT) AT 1 JANUARY		2,431	(757)
NET (DEBT)/FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER	16(B)	(29,393)	2,431
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 2004

1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis because the company's parent company, Unisys Limited, has undertaken to provide funds so that the company can meet its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. In addition, the company's remaining shareholders have provided a credit facility to supplement these funds provided by Unisys Limited.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards as defined in CA 1985 s256.

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Assets under construction are all in respect of IT infrastructure development costs. These costs include internal staff costs as well as costs from third parties, including related parties. These costs are capitalised if it can be demonstrated that they were incurred in respect of an approved IT infrastructure project, which is expected to generate future value to the company.

Depreciation

Equipment and other property are depreciated over the estimated useful economic lives of such assets using the straight line method. Estimated useful lives are between 2.5 years and the estimated life of the project. Land & buildings are depreciated over the estimated life of the project.

Assets under construction are reclassified to the appropriate category when complete and depreciated when brought into use in accordance with the company's depreciation policy.

Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date, and the resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the determination of the company's results for the financial year.

Leasing

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

Pensions

The company operates a defined benefit scheme, which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. Contributions to this fund are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives within the company. The regular cost is attributed to individual years using the projected unit method. Variations in pension costs, which are identified as a result of actuarial calculations, are amortised over the expected working lives of employees in proportion to their expected payroll costs. Differences between the amounts funded and the amounts charged to the profit and loss account are treated as either provisions or prepayments in the balance sheet.

The company also participates in a defined contribution scheme operated by Unisys Limited which is open to new employees and employees wishing to transfer from the defined benefits schemes. Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as and when they fall due.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 2004

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less, tax in the future have occurred. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the Directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period in which timing differences reverse, based on the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Redundancy provisions

Where the need for a redundancy programme is as a result of the addition of a new customer business stream which brings with it new employees, then at the point of implementation of the new contract (or within a period not to exceed one year from the date of the new contract), the estimated or planned value of redundancy costs (related to new employees only) is recorded on the balance sheet of iPSL as both a liability and also an asset. Any redundancy costs related to existing employees are charged to the profit and loss account in the year that management approves the redundancy plan.

The liability recognises that iPSL has an obligation for the payment of future costs at the balance sheet date and the asset recognises that the employees who will be made redundant will generate future economic benefits for iPSL up to the point of their redundancy.

The cash payments made to the employees as a result of each part of the redundancy programme are charged against the liability recorded on the balance sheet, until the liability relating to that part of the redundancy programme is extinguished.

The asset created by the redundancy programme is written off to the profit and loss account when affected employees are notified in writing.

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3. TURNOVER AND SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

Turnover comprises the invoice value of goods and services supplied by the company to third parties and group companies, stated exclusive of value added tax.

Turnover, results before taxation and net assets are attributable to one continuing activity, the provision of cheque clearing and settlement services in the United Kingdom. Turnover is analysed by market below and is not materially different from turnover by destination:

		2004	2003
		£'000	£'000
United Kingdom		131,962	139,531
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Turnover includes sales to other companies within the Unisys group of £22,592,000 (2003: £26,187,000).

4. OPERATING LOSS

This is stated after charging:

	2004	2003
•	£'000	£'000
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	8,347	10,022
Operating lease rentals – equipment	531	1,218
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	11,235	7,572
Auditors remuneration – audit services	40	40
Auditors remuneration – non audit	33	50

5. RESTRUCTURING COSTS

The company expensed £11,625,000 of restructuring costs in the year ended 31 December 2004 (2003: £5,984,000). These costs relate to redundancies and facility closures in conjunction with its current outsourcing contracts with Barclays, Lloyds TSB and HSBC.

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	2004.	2003
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	288	410
Compensation for loss of office	-	179
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Company contributions paid to money purchase pension schemes	-	23
	2004	2003
	No.	No.
Members of money purchase pension schemes	-	`2
The amounts in respect of the highest paid director are as follows:	•	
	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	288	332
Company contributions paid to money purchase pension schemes	-	-

No directors exercised any share options nor were any shares received or receivable under a long-term incentive scheme.

7. STAFF COSTS

•	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	67,928	64,301
Social security	4,779	4,584
Pension costs	8,044	7,263
	80,751	76,148
The average number of employees during the year was:	2021	2000
	2004	2003
	No.	No.
Operations	3,254	3,350
Administration	30	31
	3,284	3,381

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8. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
UK corporation tax credit on loss for the year Adjustments in respect of prior years	- 7,899	(4,103) (32)
	7,899	(4,135)
Deferred taxation Originating and reversing timing differences Adjustments in respect of prior years	(6,749) (6,207)	(1,146) 32
	(5,057)	(5,249)

Factors affecting the tax charge for the year:

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(22,245)	(17,500)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2003: 30%)	. (6,674)	(5,251)
Effect of: Disallowed expenses and non-taxable income Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Other timing differences Adjustments in respect of prior years Tax losses	15 (3,095) 234 7,899 9,520	. 2 (3,712) 588 (32) 4,270
Current tax credit for the period	7,899	(4,135)

The tax credit in the profit and loss account relating to restructuring costs is £3,487,000 (2003: £1,795,000).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 2004

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Land and buildings £'000	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £'000	Total £'000
1,980	98,834	100,814
398	25,242	25,640
2,378	124,076	126,454
		12,839
308	10,927	11,235
690	23,384	24,074
1,688	100,692	102,380
1,598	86,377	87,975
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 2004

10. DEBTORS

	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	4,258	9,942
Amounts owed by group undertakings	108	16,599
Other debtors	83	11,796
Prepayments and accrued income	2,667	3,525
Deferred tax	14,902	1,946
	22,018	43,808
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Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows:

	Provided		Unprovided	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	11,165	8,161	-	-
Other timing differences	(808)	(575)	-	-
Tax losses	(25,259)	(9,532)	-	-
	(14,902)	(1,946)	-	-
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The deferred tax asset is treated as recoverable as, in the Directors' opinion, there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

11. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	12,604	3,431
Amounts owed to group undertakings	45,340	17,802
Other taxes and social security costs	1,807	1,886
Accruals and deferred income	70,015	99,321
	129,766	122,440
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at 31 December 2004

12. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

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		2004	2003
		£'000	£'000
Deferred customer revenue		6,445	7,144
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13. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

•	Pension £'000	Redundancy costs £'000	· Total
At 1 January 2004 Arising during the year Utilised during the year	1,914 5,232 (4,453)	15,746 7,990 (7,917)	17,660 13,222 (12,370)
At 31 December 2004	2,693	15,819	18,512

Pension

Included in provisions for liabilities and charges is an amount of £2,693,000 (2003: £1,914,000) in respect of pension contributions recognised in the profit and loss account in advance of payment.

Redundancy costs

Provision is made for redundancy costs arising from the company's current outsourcing contracts with Barclays Bank PLC, Lloyds TSB and HSBC. The majority of the provision is expected to be utilised prior to 31 December 2005, with a proportion scheduled to be utilised during 2006.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	Aut	Authorised		Allotted, called up & fully paid	
,	No.	£'000	No.	£'000	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	200	~	200	-	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 2004

15. RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' (DEFICIT)/FUNDS AND MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2003 Loss for the year	-	17,500 -	(6,779) (12,251)	10,721 (12,251)
At 1 January 2004 Loss for the year	-	17,500	(19,030) (17,188)	(1,530) (17,188)
At 31 December 2004		17,500	(36,218)	(18,718)

16. NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

A) Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash flow from operating activities

		2004	2003
		£'000	£'000
Operating loss		(9,764)	(10,742)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		11,235	7,572
Decrease/(increase) in operating debtors		23,212	(25,059)
(Decrease)/increase in operating creditors		(22,873)	67,554
Exceptional restructuring costs		(7,917)	(5,590)
Increase in pension creditor		779	1,914
·		(5,328)	35,649
B) Analysis of change in net funds			
	At		At
	1 January	31	December
	2004	Cash flow	2004
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash at bank in hand	13,931	(2,324)	11,607
Loan from parent company	(11,500)	(29,500)	(41,000)
	2,431	(31,824)	(29,393)
			

C) Cash flows relating to non-operating exceptional items

A cash flow of £7,917,000 (2003: £5,590,000) is included for the restructuring costs relating to the non-operating exceptional items detailed in note 5.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 2004

17. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

No director had any interest in any transaction carried out by the company during either period.

18. TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

During the year, the company entered into transactions in the ordinary course of business with its shareholders, Barclays Bank plc, HSBC Bank plc, Lloyds TSB Bank plc and Unisys Limited. Transactions entered into, and trading balances outstanding at 31 December 2004, are as follows:

	Sales to related party £'000	Purchases from related party £'000	Amounts owed from related party £'000	Amounts owed to related party £'000
Related party				
Barclays Bank plc: 2004 2003	37,600 35,787	3,070 4,463	1,276 5.994	1,400
HSBC Bank plc: 2004 2003	44,558 49,127	1,289 7,450	503 33	1,452 1,962
Lloyds TSB Bank plc: 2004 2003	17,461 . 24,763	2,173 5,689	4 3,177	1,058 2,309
Unisys Limited: 2004 2003	· -	34,370 39,507	2 7	4,162 5,345

During the year the company has been lent money by its parent undertaking, Unisys Limited at an interest rate of 4.74%. The amount loaned to the company by Unisys Limited at 31 December 2004 is £41,000,000 (2003: £11,500,000) and is wholly repayable by the company within one year of the balance sheet date.

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at 31 December 2004

19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company provides pension arrangements to the majority of employees of the company through a defined benefit scheme and a defined contribution scheme. The schemes are funded by the payment of contributions to separately administered funds. The contributions to the UPSL scheme are determined with the advice of independent qualified actuaries on the basis of annual calculations using the projected unit method. The most recent calculations were conducted as at 1 January 2004 using the following main assumptions:

Discount rate pre retirement	7.25% per annum
Discount rate post retirement	6.00% per annum
Rate of increase in salaries	3.50% per annum
Social Security increases	3.00% per annum
Rate of increases in pensions in payment	3.00% per annum

The actuarial value of assets is approximately 100% of the market value at 1 January 2004.

The calculations show that the market value of the assets of the iPSL section of the UPSL scheme as at 1 January 2004 amounted to £102,713,000 (1 January 2003: £82,711,000).

The pension cost figures used in these accounts comply with the current pension cost accounting standard SSAP24. Under transitional arrangements relating to the introduction of FRS17 "Retirement Benefits" the company is required to disclose the following information about the scheme and the figures that would have been shown under FRS17 in the current balance sheet. The contributions made in respect of the accounting period were £6,159,000 (2003: £6,087,000) and included £1,706,000 (2003: £1,882,000) for payment of augmented benefits on redundancy. The agreed company contribution rate set from April 2003 is 18% of pensionable pay.

As noted above, some employees are members of the UPSL Scheme. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 March 2002 and updated to 31 December 2004 by a qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions used by the actuary were:

•	2004	2003
Rate of increase in salaries	3.25%	3.00%
Rate of increase in deferred pensions	2.75%	2.50%
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	2.75%	2.50%
Discount rate	5.32%	5.50%
Inflation assumption	2.75%	2.50%

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

The assets in the iPSL section of the UPSL scheme and the expected rate of return were:

	Long-term		Long term	
	rate of return	Valera at	rate of return	TZ vilas a sak
	expected at	Value at	expected at 31 December 3	Value at
	2004	31 December 2004	2003	2003
	2004	£'000	2003	£'000
		£ 000		£ 000
Equities	7.00%	86,805	7.00%	77,615
Bonds	. 5.32%	31,646	5.50%	24,939
Cash	4.75%	391	3.75%	159
			2004	2003
			£'000	£'000
Total market value of assets of iPSL section			118,842	102,713
Present value of iPSL section of the UPSL Scher	ne liabilities		(166,494)	(133,710)
Deficit in the iPSL section of the UPSL Scheme			(47,652)	(30,997)
Related deferred tax asset			14,296	9,299
Net pension liability			(33,356)	(21,698)
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Net liabilities as stated in balance sheet		·	(18,718)	(1,530)
SSAP 24 balance			2,693	1,914
Related deferred tax			(808)	(574)
Net liabilities excluding defined benefit liabilities	S		(16,833)	(190)
FRS 17 defined benefit liabilities			(33,356)	(21,698)
Net liabilities including defined benefit liabilities	3		(50,189)	(21,888)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 2004

19. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued) Reconciliation of net assets and reserves unde

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Net assets;	2004	2002
	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Reserves:		
Profit and loss reserve as stated in balance sheet	(36,218)	(19,030)
SSAP 24 balance	2,693	1,914
Related deferred tax	(808)	(574)
Net liabilities excluding defined benefit liabilities	(34,333)	(17,690)
FRS 17 defined benefit liabilities	(33,356)	(21,698)
Profit and loss reserve including amounts relating to defined benefit liabilities	(67,689)	(39,388)
	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Analysis of the amount charged to operating loss:		
Service cost	(5,274)	(6,202)
Past service cost	(1,706)	(1,882)
Total operating charge	(6,980)	(8,084)
Analysis of net return on pension scheme:	=======================================	
Expected return on pension scheme assets	6,989	5,622
Interest on pension liabilities	(7,530)	(6,738)
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Net return .	(541)	(1,116)
Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses	(STRGL):	
Actual return less expected return on assets	4,033	8,934
Experience gains and losses on liabilities	(1,286)	(8,834)
Changes in assumptions	(18,040)	8,085
Actuarial (loss)/gain recognised in STRGL	(15,293)	8,185

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS (continued)

	2004	2003
	£'000	£'000
Movement in deficit during the year:		
Deficit in scheme at beginning of year	(30,997)	(36,069)
Movement in year:		
Current service costs	(5,274)	(6,202)
Contributions	6,159	6,087
Past service costs	(1,706)	(1,882)
Net/(interest cost)/return on assets	(541)	(1,116)
Actuarial loss	(15,293)	8,185
Deficit in scheme at end of year	(47,652)	(30,997)

The FRS 17 valuation at 31 December 2004 showed an increase in the deficit from £30,997,000 to £47,652,000 (2003: decrease in deficit from £36,069,000 to £30,997,000). There were no improvements in benefits during 2004. Company contributions totalled £6,159,000 (a variable percentage of pensionable pay depending on the category of membership) (2003: £6,087,000) and included £1,706,000 (2003: £1,882,000) for payment of augmented benefits on redundancy. The agreed company contribution rate set from April 2003 is 18% of pensionable pay.

	Financial year ended 31 December		
	2004	2003	2002
History of experience gains and losses			
Difference between expected and actual return			
on scheme assets: - amount (£'000)	4,033	8,934	11,608
- percentage of scheme assets	3%	9%	14%
Experience gains and losses on scheme liabilities:			
- amount £'000)	(1,286)	(8,834)	(37,352)
- percentage of scheme liabilities	-1%	-7%	-31%
Total amount recognised in statement of total recognised			
gains and losses: - amount (£'000)	(15,293)	8,185	(25,744)
- percentage of scheme liabilities	-9%	6%	-22%

20. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts amounted to £nil (2003: £nil).

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21. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At the year-end the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Land & Buildings			Other	
	2004	2003	2004	2003	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Operating leases which expire:					
Within one year	3,894	3,133	-	-	
In two to five years	-	574	925	334	
In over five years	3,152	5,400	-	1,290	
	7,046	9,107	925	1,624	

22. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The parent undertaking for the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the company is a member is Unisys Corporation incorporated in the State of Delaware, United States of America. Unisys Corporation is a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The directors consider Unisys Corporation to be the company's controlling party and is the ultimate parent company.

The parent undertaking of the smallest such group and immediate parent company is Unisys Holdings registered in England. Accounts of both companies are available from the Company Secretary, Unisys Limited, Bakers Court, Bakers Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1RG.