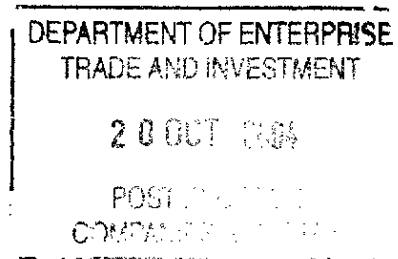




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Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2003

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal activity

During the year the company did not trade.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year are shown below.

Mr JG Doyle

Mr MO Egan (resigned 31st December 2003)

Mr JD McVerney (resigned 31st December 2003)

Mr J McCambridge (appointed 31st December 2003)

The directors had no interest in the share capital of the company.

Mr J McCambridge was also a director of Readymix (NI) Ltd, and his interests are disclosed in that company's accounts.

All other directors were also directors of Readymix plc, a subsidiary of RMC Group plc, and their interests are disclosed in that company's accounts.

Directors' contracts

None of the directors had a material interest in any contract to which the company was a party during the year.


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 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;
- 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 (Northern Ireland) Order 1986. 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.

By order of the Board


J McCambridge

Secretary

24th February 2004

RMC House
Upper Dunmurry Lane
Belfast

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2003

	2003 £	2002 £
Current assets		
Debtors – amounts falling due after one year		
- amounts owed by group companies	100	100
Net cash	100	100
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital – authorised, allotted and fully paid		
- Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Equity shareholders funds	100	100

The financial statements on pages 2 and 3 were approved by the board on 24th February 2004.

For the year ended 31 December 2003 the company was entitled to the exemption under Article 257AA(1) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with Article 257B(2) of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- (i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Article 229; and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with Article 234 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Order relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

JG Doyle
Director

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2003

1 Accounting policy

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

2 Trading

The company's principal activity is retailing of general merchandise as agent for and on behalf of Readymix (NI) Limited which indemnifies the company against all losses and liabilities it may incur in pursuing that activity as agent. During the year, the company did not trade on its own account, did not incur any liabilities and, consequently incurred neither profit nor loss. None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company.

3 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party is RMC Group plc which is incorporated in Great Britain.