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## **Report of the Directors**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

The financial statements for the year are set out on pages 5 to 11.

#### REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

The result after taxation for the year ended 31 August 2004 was £nil. The directors do not propose to declare a dividend.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is that of an investment holding company.

The company was dormant throughout the year ended 31 August 2004.

### **DIRECTORS**

The following served as directors during the year:

C B Brown

P J Lyster

T G Mains

#### **Directors' Interests**

The beneficial interests of the directors in the ordinary share capital of Allied Domecq PLC as at 31 August 2004 were as follows:

	At 31 August 2004 Ordinary Shares	At 1 September 2003/ date of appointment Ordinary Shares
C B Brown	1,166	732
P J Lyster	35,123	32,982
T G Mains	-	-
Total of directors' beneficial interests	36,289	33,714

During the year options in respect of ordinary shares in Allied Domecq PLC were granted to P J Lyster 25,000, TG Mains 15,000 and C B Brown 50,000. T Mains excercised 14,852 options during the year (7,500 on 3 December 2003 and 7,352 on 23 June 2004). None of the other directors serving at the end of the year exercised any options in respect of ordinary shares in Allied Domecq PLC during the year. These figures include options under Allied Domecq PLC's savings-related share option schemes.

In addition to the shares above the following director is entitled to receive shares under the deferred bonus plan of Allied Domecq PLC. P J Lyster is entitled to receive 17,505 shares on 1 September 2005. Details of the plan are disclosed within the accounts of Allied Domecq PLC.

# **Report of the Directors**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

## **GOING CONCERN**

After making enquiries, the directors, at the time of approving the financial statements, have determined that there is reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## **ELECTIVE RESOLUTION AND AUDITOR**

As stated in the Directors' Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31 August 2001, on 21 August 2000 the shareholders passed an elective resolution, pursuant to the Companies Act 1985:

- To dispense with the laying of accounts and reports before the company in general meeting.
- To dispense with the holding of annual general meetings.

On 20 August 2001, the shareholders passed an elective resolution, pursuant to the Companies Act 1985:

- To dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually.

By order of the Board

C B Brown DIRECTOR

28 Jan 2005

# 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 year. 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; and
- prepare the financial statements 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 financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibilities 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.

# Report of the Auditors

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ARBROATH WAREHOUSE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

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 responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's member as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditor, 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 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 the information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company 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 as at 31 August 2004 and of its result for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

**KPMG Audit Plc** 

Chartered accountants
Registered auditor

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# **Accounting Policies**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

## **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, and comply with applicable UK Accounting Standards.

The company is exempt by virtue of Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The company is exempt from the requirement of Financial Reporting Standard 1 to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Allied Domecq PLC, and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of the group.

The company is exempt under paragraph 3(c) of Financial Reporting Standard 8, Related Party Transactions, from disclosing transactions with entities that are part of the group.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis because Allied Domecq PLC, a parent undertaking, has confirmed its intention to support the company for the foreseeable

## FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using year end rates, any gains or losses are taken to the profit and loss account.

### FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost, less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

## ARBROATH WAREHOUSE LIMITED

# **Profit and Loss Account**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

	Note	Year to 31 August 2004 £'000	Year to 31 August 2003 £'000
Operating Costs	1	-	(4,896)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		<u>-</u>	(4,896)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	4	-	1,469
Loss on ordinary activities after taxation		-	(3,427)
Retained loss	8	<u>-</u>	(3,427)

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the result for the year.

There is no difference between the result on ordinary activities for the year as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results stated on an unmodified historical cost basis.

## ARBROATH WAREHOUSE LIMITED

# **Balance Sheet**

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2004

	Note	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	1,469	1,469
Creditors (due within one year)	6	(4,898)	(4,898)
Net liabilities		(3,429)	(3,429)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	7	7	7
Profit and loss account	8	(3,436)	(3,436)
Shareholders' deficit		(3,429)	(3,429)

Approved by the board on 28/6605 and signed on its behalf by:

P J Lyster DIRECTOR

# **Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

	Year to 31 August 2004 £'000	Year to 31 August 2003 £'000
Shareholders' deficit at the beginning of the year	(3,429)	(2)
Loss for the financial year	-	(3,427)
Shareholders' deficit at the end of the year	(3,429)	(3,429)

## **Notes to the Accounts**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2004

## 1 OPERATING COSTS

Operating profit represents the net gain or loss arising on the retranslation of foreign currency debtors and creditors plus the net gain or loss arising on transactions in foreign currency assets or liabilities in the year.

The auditors' remuneration for their services in the year is borne by another group company.

## 2 STAFF COSTS

The company had no employees during the year (2003: nil).

## **3 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION**

The directors received no remuneration in respect of their services to the company during the year (2003: nil).

The interests of directors in the ordinary share capital of Allied Domecq PLC and in options in respect of ordinary shares in Allied Domecq PLC are given on page 1.

4 TAXATION	Year to 31 August 2004 £'000	
The credit for taxation on the loss for the year comprises:	<del></del> : <del></del> :	<del>-</del>
Current tax UK Corporation tax at 30% (2003: 30%)	-	(1,469)
Total tax charge		(1,469)

There is no difference between the current tax charge at the UK corporation tax rate of 30% (2003: 30%) and the current tax on profit on ordinary activities.

# **Notes to the Accounts**

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5 DEBTORS			2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Tax			1,469	1,469
			1,469	1,469
6 CREDITORS			2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year Amounts owed to group undertakings			4,898	4,898
			4,898	4,898
		Authorised	All	otted, called up and fully paid
7 SHARE CAPITAL	2004 £'000	2003 £'000	2004 £'000	2003 £'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	7	7	7	7
	7	7	7	7
8 CAPITAL AND RESERVES		Share Capital £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000

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# **Notes to the Accounts**

YEAR TO 31 AUGUST 2003

## 9 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Allied Domecq PLC, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of this company are available to the public and may be obtained from:

The Company Secretary Allied Domecq PLC The Pavilions Bridgwater Road Bedminster Down BRISTOL BS13 8AR

No other group accounts include the results of the company.