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ALLIED VEHICLES LIMITED

Registered number: 147093

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 January 2004





EDINBURGH AND GLASGOW

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 January 2004

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Company Information

Directors

G Facenna M A Facenna G C Gillies

Secretary

J Baxter

Registered office

230 Balmore Road Glasgow G22 6LJ

Registered number

147093

Auditors

Scott-Moncrieff Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 25 Bothwell Street Glasgow G2 6NL

Principal banker

Bank of Scotland 701 Great Western Road Glasgow G12 8RB

Report of the Directors

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

Principal activity

The principal activity and core business of the company continued to be the sale and repair of motor vehicles and other ancillary vehicles.

Review of business

The net profit after providing for taxation amounted to £298,332.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year.

Acquisition of own shares

During the year the company bought back 20,001 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 each, which comprised 50% of the issued share capital. The total consideration for the buy back of shares was £600,030, paid in cash. Following the buy back of their shares C C Brown, L Brown and M Roe resigned as directors on 24 January 2004.

Directors and their interests

The directors in office and their beneficial interests in the share capital of the company at the beginning of the year and balance sheet date were as follows:

Ordinary Shares of £1 each

	31 January 2004	1 February 2003
G Facenna	10,000	10,000
M A Facenna	10,000	10,000
G C Gillies	-	₩
C C Brown	-	5,000
L Brown	-	5,000
M Roe	-	10,001

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 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 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.

Auditors

A resolution to re-appoint Scott-Moncrieff, Chartered Accountants, as auditors will be put to members at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

J Baxter Secretary

25 August 2004

Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Allied Vehicles Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Allied Vehicles Limited for the year ended 31 January 2004 set out on pages 4 to 14 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

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 auditor's 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 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 law and United Kingdom 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 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 the company's affairs as at 31 January 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Scott-Moncrieff

Chartered Accountants

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Registered Auditor

25 Bothwell Street

Glasgow

G2 6NL

25 August 2004

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 January 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Turnover		37,113,474	27,192,162
Cost of sales		28,941,364	21,293,422
Gross profit		8,172,110	5,898,740
Administrative expenses		7,909,763	5,597,541
Other operating income		262,347 144,467	301,199 58,844
Operating profit	2	406,814	360,043
Investment income		56,638	26,628
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(10,423)	(10,057)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		453,029	376,614
Taxation	6	154,697	118,694
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	16	298,332	257,920

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two years.

There were no recognised gains and losses for the above two years other than those included in the profit and loss account.

Balance Sheet

At 31 January 2004

	Note	£	2004 £	£	2003 £
Fixed assets	Note	a.	T.	£	a.
Tangible assets	8		1,078,564		937,340
Investments	9		1		1
			1 079 565		937,341
_			1,078,565		937,341
Current assets					
Stocks	10	1,997,374		1,005,234	
Debtors	11	2,201,831		1,564,039	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,046,903		421,726	
		5,246,108		2,990,999	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one					
year	12	(5,430,433)		(2,691,185)	
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(184,325)		299,814
ret cui i ent (nabilities), assets			(104,525)		
Total assets less current liabilities			894,240		1,237,155
Creditors: amounts falling due after more					
than one year	13		(59,323)		(78,323)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	14		(326,418)		(348,635)
Net assets			508,499		810,197
Capital and reserves - equity					
Called up share capital	15		20,000		40,001
Other reserves	16		20,001		-
Profit and loss account	16		468,498		770,196
Shareholders' funds	17		508,499		810,197

Approved by the board on 25 August 2004

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Cash Flow Statement

For the year ended 31 January 2004

Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flow

	£	2004 £	£	2003 £
Operating profit		406,814		360,043
Depreciation		234,797		163,806
Disposal of fixed assets		567		(2,141) 48,029
Change in stocks Change in debtors		(992,140) (637,792)		(522,684)
Change in creditors		2,665,411		(35,384)
Provisions		(28,500)		(86,100)
Operating cash flow		1,649,157		(74,431)
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Cash flow statement		ı		
Operating cash flow		1,649,157		(74,431)
Returns on investment and servicing of finance				
Interest received	56,638		26,628	
Interest paid	(10,108)		(9,351)	
Interest element of hire purchase contracts	(315)		(706)	
Net cash flow from returns on investment		46 215		16,571
and servicing of finance		46,215		
Taxation		(89,921)		(136,154)
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(378,716)		(399,434)	
Sale of tangible fixed assets	2,128			
Net cash flow from capital expenditure and		(27/ 500)		(206 420)
financial investment		(376,588)		(396,430)
		1,228,863		(590,444)
Financing				
Loan repayments	(3,656)		(23,806)	
Redemption of shares	(600,030)			
Net cash flow from financing		(603,686)		(23,806)
X		<u> </u>		((14.050)
Net cash flow for the year		<u>625,177</u>		<u>(614,250)</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 January 2004

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Consolidation

The company and its subsidiary comprise a medium-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemption provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of goods sold and services rendered during the year.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets as follows:

Freehold properties - 2-4% straight line Short leasehold properties - the life of the lease Plant and machinery - 15-20% reducing balance Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance

Operating leases

Lease payments under operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs to completion and disposal.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided for at anticipated tax rates on differences arising from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods that differ from those in which they are included in the financial statements.

Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost, less any provisions required where there has been a permanent diminution in their value.

Pension costs

The company operates two defined contribution pension schemes in respect of its employees. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the company. The pension cost charge represents the amount of the contributions payable to the schemes in respect of the year.

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2 Operating profit

	2004 £	2003 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:	*	4 -
Depreciation of tangible assets	234,797	163,806
Research and development	199,991	84,485
Operating lease charges	104,035	87,324
Auditors' remuneration - audit	14,000	11,000
and after charging/(crediting):		
Loss/(profit) on sale of tangible fixed assets	<u>567</u>	(2,141)

3 Directors' remuneration

2004	2003
£	£
958,207	451,883
18,883	17,800
977,090	469,683
	958,207 18,883

6 directors are members of defined contribution pension schemes.

The emoluments of the highest paid director were £392,228 (2003:£151,745)

£6,000 (2003: £6,000) was paid into the pension scheme of the highest paid director during the year.

4 Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2004	2003
	£	£
Wages and salaries	4,981,797	3,367,086
Social security costs	512,229	328,141
Pension costs	74,098	50,832
	5,568,124	3,746,059
The average monthly number of employees was 223 (2003 172).		
The staff of the company worked in the following activities:		
Administration and management	134	118
Production	89	54
	223	<u>172</u>

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For the year ended 31 January 2004

5 Interest payable and similar charges

5	Thierest payable and sindial charges		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Bank loans and overdrafts	10,108	9,351
	Lease finance charges	315	706
		10,423	10,057
6	Taxation		
		2004 £	2003 £
	UK corporation tax - current year	151,344	92,851
	UK corporation tax - adjustment to prior		
	years	(2,930)	23,681
	Deferred taxation	6,283	2,162
		154,697	118,694
	The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of tax as	s follows.	
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	453,029	376,614
	Profit on ordinary activities at standard rate		
	of tax 30% (2003 30%)	135,909	112,984
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	32,186	11,615
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(14,511)	(1,133)
	Other short term timing differences	3,945	(1,028)
	Small companies' relief	(6,185)	(29,587)
		151,344	92,851

7 Pension costs

The pension cost charge for the year amounted to £74,098 (2003 £50,832).

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8 Tangible fixed assets

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	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 February 2003	673,046	867,181	118,456	1,658,683
Additions	145,226	225,856	7,634	378,716
Disposals	-		(11,356)	(11,356)
At 31 January 2004	818,272	1,093,037	114,734	2,026,043
Depreciation				
At 1 February 2003	195,826	454,499	71,018	721,343
Charge for the year	101,168	120,535	13,094	234,797
Eliminated on disposal			(8,661)	(8,661)
At 31 January 2004	296,994	575,034	75,451	947,479
Net book value				
At 31 January 2004	521,278	518,003	39,283	1,078,564
At 31 January 2003	477,220 =====	412,682	47,438	937,340
The net book value of land and building	ngs is split as follows:			
		2004 £	2003 £	
Freehold		398,240	424,779	
Short leasehold		123,038	52,441	
				
		£521,278	£477,220	
Fixed asset investments				
		2	£004	2003 £
Shares in group undertakings		_	1 	<u>1</u>
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The company owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of Ashfield Motors Limited, a dormant company with capital and reserves of £1 as at 31 January 2004.

10 Stocks

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	2004 £	2003 £
Raw materials and consumables	406,801	154,347
Work in progress	92,485	55,877
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,498,088	795,010
	1,997,374	1,005,234

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11 Debtors

	Debtors		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Trade debtors	1,706,994	1,065,713
	Other debtors	342,743	374,707
	Prepayments and accrued income	152,094	123,619
		2,201,831	1,564,039
12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	·	2004	2003
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	73,398	58,054
	Trade creditors	3,895,647	1,805,003
	Corporation tax	151,344	92,851
	Other taxation and social security	587,216	254,849
	Other creditors	195,790	177,822
	Accruals and deferred income	527,038	302,606
		5,430,433	2,691,185
13	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2004	2003
		£	£
	Bank loans	59,323	78,323
	Amounts are due within the following periods:		
	Between one and two years	19,000	19,000
	Between two and five years	40,323	57,000
	In five years or more	<u> </u>	2,323
		59,323	78,323
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Included within creditors is a bank loan of £78,323 (2003 £97,323) which has been secured by standard securities over certain of the company's properties and by a bond and floating charge over the whole assets of the company. The loan is repayable by monthly instalments.

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14	Provisions	for	liabilities	and	charges
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Total provisions for liabilities and charges:

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	2004 £	2003 €
Deferred tax Vehicle buy back provision	28,218 298,200	21,935 326,700
	326,418	348,635
Deferred tax provided in the accounts comprises:		
	2004 £	2003 £
Accelerated capital allowances Short term timing differences	32,163 (3,945)	21,935
	<u>28,218</u>	21,935
The movement in the deferred tax provision during the year was as	follows:	
At 1 February 2003 Movement in the year		£ 21,935 6,283
At 31 January 2004		28,218
The movement in the provision for vehicle buy back during the year	was as follows:	
At 1 February 2003 Movement in the year		326,700 (28,500)
At 31 January 2004		<u>298,200</u>
Share capital		
	2004 £	2003 £
Authorised	•	-
Equity 100,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
		
Allotted, called up and fully paid	2004 £	2003 £
Equity		
20,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	20,000	40,001

During the year the company bought back 20,001 ordinary shares with a nominal value of £1 each, which comprised 50% of the issued share capital. The total consideration for the buy back of shares was £600,030, paid in cash.

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16 Reserves

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			Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account	Total £
	At 1 February 2003		-	770,196	770,196
	Transfer to capital redemption reserve Premium on buy back of		20,001	(20,001)	-
	share capital Transfer for the year		-	(580,029) 298,332	(580,029) 298,332
	At 31 January 2004		20,001	468,498	488,499
17	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders'	' funds			
				2004 £	2003 £
	Profit for the financial year Buy back of share capital			98,332 00,030)	257,920
	Net (reduction in)/addition to shareholders' funds		(30	01,698)	257,920
	Opening shareholders' funds		8:	10,197	552,277
	Closing shareholders' funds		50	08,499	810,197
18	Reconcilation of net cash flow to movement in	n net funds			
				2004 £	2003 £
	Change in cash in the year Change in debt financing		62	25,177 3,656	(614,250) 23,806
	Movement in net funds in the period		62	28,833	(590,444)
	Net funds brought forward		28	35,349	875,793
	Net funds carried forward		9:	14,182	285,349
19	Analysis of changes in net funds				
		Brought forward £	Cash flow £	Other changes £	Carried forward £
	Cash Debt due within one year Debt due after one year	421,726 (58,054) (78,323)	625,177 3,656	(19,000) 19,000	1,046,903 (73,398) (59,323)
		285,349	628,833		914,182

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20 Operating lease commitments

The company has commitments under operating leases for the next year for leases expiring as follows:

	2004		2003	
	Land & buildings	Other leases £	Land & buildings	Other leases £
Within one year	-	100,343	1,690	96,246
Between two and five years	35,364	-	35,364	-
Over five years	84,000	-	44,000	
	119,364	100,343	81,054	96,246
Other revenue commitments at the year end	were as follows:			
			2004 £	2003 £
Vehicle buy back				
commitment			1,227,503	1,513,750

21 Related parties

Mr G Facenna and Mr M A Facenna both directors of the company are shareholders of Dunbritton Properties Limited and trustees of the Facenna Family Trust.

During the year Dunbritton Properties Limited borrowed sums amounting to £nil (2003: £390,358) from the company. In addition the company paid £nil (2003: £29,207) for services on behalf of Dunbritton Properties Limited.

Dunbritton Properties Limited invoiced the company £83,013 (2003: £27,109) in respect of services rendered and the company invoiced £12,067 (2003: £9,409) in respect of services provided to Dunbritton Properties Limited.

The amount due by the company to Dunbritton Properties Limited as at 31 January 2004 is £13,938 (2003: £82,734 due to the company). Included in prepayments at the year end date is £9,667 of rental costs paid to Dunbritton Properties Limited.

Included in prepayments at the year end date is £30,000 of rental costs paid to the Facenna Family Trust, and accruals includes £10,950 of rent and pension costs payable to the Trust.

The company made loans to Mr G Facenna and Mr M A Facenna in the year. The maximum balances on the loan accounts during the year were £34,170 and £45,550 respectively; both loan accounts were paid off by the year end date.