Australian Import Centre Limited

Company Number: sc204494

Directors' Report for the Year to 31 December 2004

The accounts for the year are attached.

The company has not traded during the year and accordingly it has made neither a profit nor a loss. No Profit or Loss Account has therefore been prepared.

The following served as Directors during (and, unless otherwise indicated, throughout) the year:

Appointed

Resigned

GGM Izatt

J Laurie

The Directors' interests in shares of Scottish & Newcastle plc (including options granted under the terms of the United Kingdom employee share schemes to subscribe for ordinary shares) at 28 December 2003 and 31 December 2004 were as follows:

	31 Decen	31 December 2004		28 December 2003	
	Shares	Options	Shares	Options	
GGM Izatt	33,143	122,230	31,818	185,265	
J Laurie	68,522	171,616	70,891	171,616	

By Order of the Board

M Stevens Secretary

23 June 2005

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CURRENT ASSETS	Note	31 December 2004	28 December 2003
Debtors		$\frac{2}{2}$	<u>2</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
TOTÁL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2	2
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up Share capital		2	2
Profit and loss account			
		2	2

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For the year ended 31 December 2004 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 249B(2).

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:

- a) Ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221;
- b) Preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of its financial year; and of its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Signed of behalf of the Board

J Laurie Director Edinburgh 23 June 2005

Notes to the Accounts

- 1. These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.
- 2. During the year, the Company has not traded, not incurred any liabilities, and consequently, has made neither a profit nor loss. None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the Company.
- 3. The ultimate holding company is Scottish & Newcastle plc, a company registered in Scotland at 33 Ellersly Road, Edinburgh EH12 6HX.
- 4. Share Capital

•	31 December 2004	28 December 2003
Ordinary Shares of £1 each		
Authorised	100	100
Issued and Fully Paid	2	2