Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31 May 2003



Company information

Directors

K Davie

appointed 15 April 2002

K Whittle

appointed 15 April 2002 appointed 15 April 2002

R Young

Secretary

HBJ Secretarial Limited

Company number

226865

Date of Incorporation

11 January 2002

Registered office

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 May 2003

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

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is the holding of shares.

The J W Group Limited owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited which was incorporated on the 16 November 1971.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is that of general insurance brokers.

The J W Group Limited owns 91.50% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited, which was incorporated on the 4 May 2000.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is that of general insurance brokers.

The J W Group Limited owns 75% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Investment Strategies Limited, which was incorporated on the 3 November 1993.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is the provision of financial services.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 5.

The directors have paid an interim dividend amounting to £127,025 and they do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year and their interests in the company are as stated below:

		Ordinary shares		Pr	eference shares
		31/05/03	01/06/02 or date of appointment	31/05/03	01/06/02 or date of appointment
K Davie	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	30,000	30,000
K Whittle	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	30,000	30,000
R Young	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	-	30,000

Charitable and political contributions

During the year the company contributed £1,821 to charities.

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 the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 May 2003

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

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Barrie Scott & Co. be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 1 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by

Dresto, HBJ Secretarial Limited

Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of J W GROUP LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

We have audited the financial statements of J W GROUP LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES for the year ended 31 May 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement, the statement of total recognised gains and losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, 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 shareholders 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 shareholders 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 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.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of J W GROUP LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARIES

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's affairs as at 31 May 2003 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Barrie Scott & Co. Chartered Accountants and Registered auditors 1 March 2004 16-18 Weir Street FALKIRK FK1 1RA

Consolidated Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 May 2003

Continuing operations

Period
ended
31/05/0

	31/05/03
Notes	£
2	2,966,125
	(2,947,203)
3	18,922
4 5	34,532 (40,647)
	12,807
8	(31,423)
	(18,616)
	(3,203)
	(21,819)
9	(127,025)
	(148,844)
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The notes on pages 10 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Consolidated Balance sheet as at 31 May 2003

		31/0	31/05/03	
	Notes	£	£	
Fixed assets				
Intangible assets	10		1,606,150	
Tangible assets	11		466,704	
Investments	12		3,596	
			2,076,450	
			2,070,430	
Current assets				
Debtors	13	780,984		
Cash at bank and in hand		1,382,551		
		2,163,535		
Creditors: amounts falling		, ,		
due within one year	14	(2,809,581)		
Net current liabilities			(646,046)	
Total assets less current liabilities			1 420 404	
Creditors: amounts falling due			1,430,404	
after more than one year	15		(693,468)	
arter more than one year	15		(075,400)	
Provisions for liabilities				
and charges	16		(9,371)	
Net assets			727,565	
Capital and reserves				
Called up share capital	18		903,000	
Share premium account	19		43,365	
Revaluation reserve	19		81,185	
Other reserves Profit and loss account	19		24,661	
Profit and loss account	19		(388,621)	
			663,590	
Minority interest			63,975	
Shareholders' funds	20		727,565	
Equity interests			(172,435)	
Non-equity interests			900,000	
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 1 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by

K Davie Director

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Balance sheet as at 31 May 2003

		31/05/03		
	Notes	£	£	
Fixed assets				
Investments	12		2,061,934	
			2,061,934	
Current assets				
Debtors	13	90,000		
		90,000		
Creditors: amounts falling		•		
due within one year	14	675,025		
Net current liabilities			585,025	
Total assets less current				
liabilities			1,476,909	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		565,469	
Net assets				
			911,440	
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	18		903,000	
Profit and loss account	19		8,440	
Equity shareholders' funds	20		911,440	
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Equity interests			11,440	
Non-equity interests			900,000	
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 1 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by

K Davie Director

Consolidated Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 May 2003

		Period ended
	Notes	31/05/03 £
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities		
Operating profit		18,922
Depreciation		233,940
(Increase) in debtors		(703,423)
Increase in creditors		2,336,315
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,885,754
Cash flow statement		
Net cash inflow from operating activities		1,885,754
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	23	(96,115)
Taxation	23	(18,167)
Capital expenditure	23	(1,713,091)
		58,381
Equity dividends paid		(60,114)
		(1,733)
Financing	23	1,609,153
Increase in cash in the year		1,607,420
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in ne	et funds (Note 24)	
Increase in cash in the year		1,607,420
Cash inflow from decrease in debts and lease financial	ng	(745,844)
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		861,576
New finance leases and hire purchase contracts		(269,306)
Movement in net funds in the year		592,270
Net debt at 1 June 2002		(31,809)
Net funds at 31 May 2003		560,461

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

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

Group and J W Group Limited

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets.

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

1.2. Turnover

Group and JW Group Limited

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Goodwill

Group and JW Group Limited

Acquired goodwill is written off in equal annual instalments over its estimated useful economic life of 30 years.

1.4. Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Group and J W Group Limited

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings

J W Group Lowland

Straight line over fifty years

Insurance Brokers Limited

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

J W Group Lowland

25% straight line

Insurance Brokers Limited

J W Group Insurance & Risk -

25% reducing balance

Managers Limited

J W Group Investment

15% reducing balance

Strategies Limited

Motor vehicles

J W Group Lowland

25% straight line

Insurance Brokers Limited

J W Group Insurance & Risk -

25% reducing balance

Managers Limited

J W Group Investment

25% reducing balance

Strategies Limited

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

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1.5. Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Group and J W Group Limited

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible assets and depreciated over their useful lives. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce constant periodic rates of charge on the net obligations outstanding in each period.

1.6. Investments

Group and J W Group Limited

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

1.7. Pensions

Group and J W Group Limited

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

1.8. Deferred taxation

Group and J W Group Limited

The company adopted Financial Reporting Standard 19 "Deferred Taxation" (FRS 19) during the financial year.

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 have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold;

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 an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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

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2. Turnover

Group and J W Group Limited

The total turnover of the company for the year has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

Operating profit	Period ended 31/05/03
Group	_
Operating profit is stated after charging:	
Depreciation and other amounts written off intangible assets	84,534
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	131,707
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	17,699
Auditors' remuneration	<u>25,404</u>
Interest receivable and similar income	Period ended 31/05/03 £
Group	
Bank interest	34,532
Interest payable and similar charges	Period ended 31/05/03
Groun	£
•	13,790
	26,857
	40,647
	Group Operating profit is stated after charging: Depreciation and other amounts written off intangible assets Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets Auditors' remuneration Interest receivable and similar income Group Bank interest

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

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6.	Employees		
	Group		
			Period
	Number of employees		ended 31/05/03
	The average monthly numbers of employees		21,00,00
	(including the directors) during the year were:		
	Staff		70
			21/05/02
	Employment costs		31/05/03 £
	Wassa and polaries		
	Wages and salaries Social security costs		1,624,432 58,026
	Other pension costs		94,677
	•		1,777,135
			====
		Period	
		ended	
6.1,	Directors' emoluments	31/05/03	
	J W Group Limited		
	Remuneration and other emoluments	-	
	Pension contributions	-	
	Compensation for loss of office	-	
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7. Pension costs

Group

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the directors and employees. The scheme and its assets are held by independent managers. The pension charge represents contributions due from the company and amounted to £94,677 (2002 - £-).

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

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8. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Group

Analysis of charge in period	Period ended 31/05/03 £
Current tax	
UK corporation tax	33,985
Total current tax charge	33,985
Deferred tax	
Timing differences, origination and reversal	(2,562)
Total deferred tax	(2,562)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	31,423
	

Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (19 per cent). The differences are explained below:

	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation 4	1,739
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation	
tax in the UK of 19%	7,930
Effects of:	
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes (primarily goodwill amortisation) 3	5,292
Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation (1	4,993)
Utilisation of tax losses (5,215)
Current tax charge for period 2	3,014
J W Group Limited	
Analysis of charge in period 31/0	05/03
	£
Current tax	
UK corporation tax	8,379
Total current tax charge	8,379

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

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Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (19 per cent). The differences are explained below:

2003 £ 138,319
2,681
10,498
28,400
8,379

9.	Dividends	Period ended 31/05/03
	J W Group Limited	
		£
	Dividends on equity shares:	
	Ordinary shares - interim paid	37,025
	Dividends on non-equity shares:	==
	Preference shares - interim paid	90,000
	Total dividends	127,025

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

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10.	Intangible fixed assets Group				Total
					£
	Cost Additions At 31 May 2003				1,690,684 1,690,684
	Provision for diminution in value Charge for year				84,534
	At 31 May 2003				84,534
	Net book value At 31 May 2003				1,606,150
11.	Tangible fixed assets	Land and buildings freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Group	£	£	L	L
	Cost/revaluation				
	At 1 June 2002	142,500	387,543	96,682	626,725
	Additions	-	277,560	50,179	327,739
	Disposals	-	(15,857)	(81,385)	(97,242)
	At 31 May 2003	142,500	649,246	65,476	857,222
	Depreciation				
	At 1 June 2002	-	271,443	30,885	302,328
	On disposals	-	(8,462)	(35,055)	(43,517)
	Charge for the year	4,245	101,544	25,918	131,707
	At 31 May 2003	4,245	364,525	21,748	390,518
	Net book value			<u></u>	 _
	At 31 May 2003	138,255	284,721	43,728	466,704
	At 31 May 2002	142,500	116,100	65,797	324,397

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Included above are assets held under finance leases or hire purchase contracts as follows:

					31/0	5/03
	Asset description				Net book value £	Depreciation charge £
	Equipment				163,647	54,550
	Motor vehicles				37,634	12,545
					201,281	67,095
12.	Fixed asset investments		Listed investmen	ts	Other unlisted investments	Total £
	Group		T.		£	*
	Cost					
	At 1 June 2002					
	At 31 May 2003			254	3,342	3,596
	Net book value					
	At 31 May 2003		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	254	3,342 ———	3,596
	J W Group Limited	Subsidiary				
		undertakings shares				
	Cost					
	At 1 June 2002	-				
	Additions	2,061,934				
	At 31 May 2003	2,061,934				
12.1.	Fixed asset investments					31/05/03 £
	Market valuation of listed investo	nents				

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12.2. Holdings of 20% or more

J W Group Limited

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Nature of business	Shares held class	Proportion of shares held
Subsidiary undertaking				
J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited	Scotland	general insurance brokers	Ordinary	100%
J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited	Scotland	general insurance brokers	ordinary	91.5%
J W Group Investment Strategies Limited	Scotland	provision of financial services	Ordinary	75%

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Capital and reserves	Profit for the year
	£	£
J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited	127,694	(68,729)
J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited	694,407	791
J W Group Investment Strategies Limited	19,807	(525)

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

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13.	Debtors	31/05/03 £
	Group	
	Trade debtors	753,049
	Other debtors	490
	Prepayments and accrued income	27,445
		780,984
	J W Group Limited	
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	90,000
		90,000

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

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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31/05/03 £
Group	
Bank overdraft	235,925
Bank loan	132,000
Net obligations under finance leases	
and hire purchase contracts	71,356
Trade creditors	1,850,862
Corporation tax	33,985
Other taxes and social security costs	32,951
Directors' accounts	30,952
Other creditors	33,640
Accruals and deferred income	387,910
	2,809,581
J W Group Limited	
Bank loan	132,000
Amounts owed to group undertaking	216,688
Corporation tax	8,379
Other creditors	314,433
Accruals and deferred income	3,525
	675,025
	Group Bank overdraft Bank loan Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Directors' accounts Other creditors Accruals and deferred income J W Group Limited Bank loan Amounts owed to group undertaking Corporation tax Other creditors

The Clydesdale Bank plc has a floating charge for all sums due or to become due together with cross guarantees between J W Group Limited, J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited, J W Group Investment Strategies Limited and J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited. The Clydesdale Bank plc also hold assignation over Key Man cover totalling £995,000.00 and Skandia Life policy with the sum assured being £1m on each director.

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

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15. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	31/05/03 £
Group	
Bank loan	251,036
Other creditor	314,432
Net obligations under finance leases	
and hire purchase contracts	128,000
	693,468 =====
Loans	
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand (Note 14)	132,000
Repayable between one and two years	446,433
Repayable between two and five years	119,036
	697,469
J W Group Limited	
Bank loan	251,036
Other creditor	314,433
	565,469
Loans	
Repayable in one year or less, or on demand (Note 14)	132,000
Repayable between one and two years	446,433
Repayable between two and five years	119,036
Repayable in five years or more	
	697,469

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

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16. Provisions for liabilities and charges

		Total £
	Group At 1 June 2002 Movements in the year	11,933 2,562
	At 31 May 2003	9,371
17.	Provision for deferred taxation	31/05/03 £
	Group Accelerated capital allowances	9,371
	Provision at 1 June 2002 Deferred tax charge in profit and loss account	11,933 (2,562)
	Provision at 31 May 2003	9,371

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

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18.	Share capital	31/05/03 £
	Authorised	
	3,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,000
	900,000 Preference shares of £1 each	900,000
		903,000
	Equity interest	3,000
	Non-equity interest	900,000
	Issued	
	3,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,000
	900,000 Preference shares of £1 each	900,000
		903,000
	Equity interest	3,000
	Non-equity interest	900,000

19.	Equity Reserves	Share premium account £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account £	Capital redemption reserve	Total
	Group					
	At 1 June 2002	8,707	87,125	177,336	24,850	298,018
	Premium on issue of shares	38,359	•			38,359
	Transfer of realised profit		(5,940)	5,940		-
	Pre acquisition profits			(345,068))	(345,068)
	Loss for the year			(148,844))	(148,844)
	Purchase of own shares	-		(78,050)) 1,561	(76,489)
	Minority interest	(3,701	-	65	(1,750)	(5,386)
	At 31 May 2003	43,365	81,185	(388,621)	24,661	(239,410)

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

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20.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	31/05/03 £
	Group	
	Loss for the year	(21,819)
	Dividends	(127,025)
		(148,844)
	Proceeds of issue of non-equity shares	900,000
		751,156
	Reversal of non-equity appropriations	63,975
	Net proceeds of equity share issue	41,359
	Purchase of own shares	(76,489)
	Other recognised gains or losses	(350,454)
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	429,547
	Opening shareholders' funds	298,018
	Closing shareholders' funds	727,565
		The second secon
	J W Group Limited	
	Loss for the year	129,940
	Dividends	121,500
		8,440
	Proceeds of issue of non-equity shares	900,000
		908,440
		2 000
	Net proceeds of equity share issue	3,000
		911,440

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

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21. Transactions with directors

J W Group Limited

The following directors had interest free loans during the year. The movements on these loans are as follows:

	Amount owing 31/05/03	Maximum in year
	£	£
K Davie	-	30,000
K Whittle	-	30,000
R Young	•	7,500
-	==== =	

22. Related party transactions

Group and JW Group Limited

J W Group Investment Strategies Limited, J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited and J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited are deemed to be related parties of J W Group Limited by virtue of the fact that J W Group Limited and its directors have influence over the financial and operating policies of these companies.

J W Group Investment Strategies Limited

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure.

J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure.

J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure.

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

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23. Gross cash flows

	31/05/03
	£
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	
Interest received	34,532
Interest paid	(20,479)
Interest element of finance lease rental payments	(20,168)
Preference dividends paid	(90,000)
	(96,115)
Taxation	
Corporation tax paid	(18,167)
Capital expenditure	(1.600.604)
Payments to acquire intangible assets	(1,690,684)
Payments to acquire tangible assets	(58,433)
Receipts from sales of tangible assets	36,026
	(1,713,091)
Financing	
Issue of ordinary share capital	41,359
Issue of preference share capital	900,000
Purchase of own shares	(78,050)
New long term bank loan	383,036
Other new long term loans	446,432
Repayment of short term bank loan	(5,946)
Capital element of finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(21,241)
Capital element of finance lease contracts	(56,437)
	1,609,153

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

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24. Analysis of changes in net funds

,	Opening balance	Cash flows	Other changes	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	-	1,382,551		1,382,551
Overdrafts	-	(235,925)		(235,925)
	-	1,146,626		1,146,626
Debt due within one year	(5,946)	(126,054)	310,659	178,659
Debt due after one year	(18,135)	(697,468)	150,135	(565,468)
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	(7,728)	77,678	(269,306)	(199,356)
	(31,809)	(745,844)	191,488	(586,165)
Net funds	(31,809)	400,782	191,488	560,461

Company information

Directors

K Davie K Whittle

R Young

appointed 15 April 2002 appointed 15 April 2002 appointed 15 April 2002

Secretary

HBJ Secretarial Limited

Company number

SC226865

Date of Incorporation

11 January 2002

Auditors

Barrie Scott & Co.

16-18 Weir Street

FALKIRK FK1 1RA

Client code

5352

Business address

Davidson House

57 Queen Charlotte Street

Edinburgh EH6 7YD

Bankers

Clydesdale Bank plc

4 Bernard Street

Leith Edinburgh EH6 6PX

Directors' report for the period ended 31 May 2003

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003.

Incorporation and change of name

The company was incorporated on 11 January 2002 as HBJ 587 Limited. The name of the company was changed to J W GROUP LIMITED on 5 February 2002. The company commenced trade on 1 June 2002.

Principal activity and review of the business

The principal activity of the company is the holding of shares.

The J W Group Limited owns 100% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited, which was incorporated on the 16 November 1971.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is that of general insurance brokers.

The J W Group Limited owns 91.50% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited, which was incorporated on the 4 May 2000.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is that of general insurance brokers.

The J W Group Limited owns 75% of the ordinary share capital of J W Group Investment Strategies Limited, which was incorporated on the 3 November 1993.

The principal activity of this subsidiary company is the provision of financial services.

Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 5.

The directors have paid an interim dividend amounting to £121,500 and they do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the period and their interests in the company are as stated below:

		Ordinary shares		Preference shar	
		31/05/03	31/05/02 or date of appointment	31/05/03	31/05/02 or date of appointment
K Davie	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	300,000	300,000
K Whittle	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	300,000	300,000
R Young	appointed 15 April 2002	1,000	1,000	-	3,000,000

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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;

Directors' report for the period ended 31 May 2003

- 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

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Barrie Scott & Co. be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on I March 2004 and signed on its behalf by

Director, HBJ Secretarial Limited

Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of J W GROUP LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of J W GROUP LIMITED for the period ended 31 May 2003 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, 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 shareholders 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 shareholders 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 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.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of J W GROUP LIMITED continued

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 May 2003 and of its profit and cash flows for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Barrie Scott & Co.

Chartered Accountants and

Registered auditors

1 March 2004

16-18 Weir Street FALKIRK

FK1 1RA

Profit and loss account for the period ended 31 May 2003

Continuing operations

		Period ended 31/05/03
	Notes	£
Turnover	2	60,000
Administrative expenses		(58,784)
Operating profit	3	1,216
Investment income	4	149,475
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(12,372)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		138,319
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(8,379)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		129,940
Dividends (partly non-equity)	7	(121,500)
Retained profit for the period		8,440

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or loss for the above financial period.

Balance sheet as at 31 May 2003

		31/05/	31/05/03		
	Notes	£	£		
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		2,061,934		
Current assets					
Debtors	9	90,000			
		90,000			
Creditors: amounts falling		,			
due within one year	10	(675,025)			
Net current liabilities			(585,025)		
Total assets less current					
liabilities			1,476,909		
Creditors: amounts falling due	4.4		(FC= 150)		
after more than one year	11		(565,469)		
Net assets			911,440		
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	12		903,000		
Profit and loss account			8,440		
Shareholders' funds	13		911,440		
Equity interests			11,440		
Non-equity interests			900,000		

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 1 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by

K Davie Director

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Cash flow statement for the period ended 31 May 2003

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	Net debt at 31 May 2003		(697,469)

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

1. Accounting policies

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

1.2. Turnover

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

1.3. Investments

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

2. Turnover

The total turnover of the company for the period has been derived from its principal activity wholly undertaken in the UK.

3.	Operating profit Auditors' remuneration	Period ended 31/05/03 £ 1,763
4.	Income from investments	Period ended 31/05/03 £
	Income from subsidiary undertakings	149,475
		Period ended
5.	Interest payable and similar charges	31/05/03
	Interest payable on loans < 1 yr	£ 12,372 ————

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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6. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	Period
	ended
Analysis of charge in period	31/05/03
	£
Current tax	
UK corporation tax	8,379
	

Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (19 per cent). The differences are explained below:

	2003 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	138,319
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation	
tax in the UK of 19% (:-%)	26,281
Effects of:	
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes (primarily goodwill amortisation)	10,498
Dividends received	(28,400)
Current tax charge for period	8,379

7.	Dividends	Period ended 31/05/03
	Dividends on equity showers	£
	Dividends on equity shares:	
	Ordinary shares - interim paid	31,500
	Dividends on non-equity shares:	 -
	Preference shares - interim paid	90,000
	•	
	Total dividends	121,500

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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8.	Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary undertakings					
		shares	Total				
		£	£				
	Cost						
	Additions	2,061,934	2,061,934				
	At 31 May 2003	2,061,934	2,061,934				
	Net book value						
	At 31 May 2003	2,061,934	2,061,934				
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8.1. Holdings of 20% or more

The company holds 20% or more of the share capital of the following companies:

	Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Nature of business	Shares held class	Proportion of shares held
	Subsidiary undertaking				
	J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited	Scotland	general insurance brokers	Ordinary	91.5%
	J W Group Investment Strategies Limited	Scotland	provision of financial services	Ordinary	75%
	J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited	Scotland	general insurance brokers	Ordinary	100%
9.	Debtors				31/05/03 £
	Amounts owed by group under	takings			90,000

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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10.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	31/05/03 £
	Bank loan	132,000
	Amounts owed to group undertaking Corporation tax Other creditors	216,688
		8,379
		314,433
	Accruals and deferred income	3,525
		675,025

The Clydesdale Bank plc has a floating charge for all sums due or to become due together with cross guarantees between J W Group Limited, J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited, J W Group Investment Strategies Limited and J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited. The Clydesdale Bank plc also hold assignation over Key Man cover totalling £995,000.00 and Skandia Life policy with the sum assured being £1m on each director.

11.	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	31/05/03 £
	Bank loan	251,036
	Other creditor	314,433
		565,469
	Loans	
	Repayable in one year or less, or on demand (Note 10)	132,000
	Repayable between one and two years	446,433
	Repayable between two and five years	119,036
		697,469
		

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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12.	Share capital	31/05/03 £
	Authorised	
	3,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each	3,000
	900,000 Preference shares of 1 each	900,000
		903,000
	Equity interest	3,000
	Non-equity interest	900,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	3,000 Ordinary shares of 1 each	3,000
	900,000 Preference shares of 1 each	900,000
		903,000
	Equity interest	3,000
	Non-equity interest	900,000
13.	Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	31/05/03
		£
	Profit for the period	129,940
	Dividends	(121,500)
		8,440
	Proceeds of issue of non-equity shares	900,000
		908,440
	Net proceeds of equity share issue	3,000
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	911,440

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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14. Transactions with directors

The following directors had interest free loans during the period. The movements on these loans are as follows:

	Amount owing 31/05/03	Maximum in period £
K Davie	-	30,000
K Whittle	-	30,000
R Young		7,500

15. Related party transactions

The following companies are deemed to be related parties by virtue of the fact that J W Group Limited and its directors have influence over their financial and operating policies:

J W Group Investment Strategies Limited

There were no related party transactions which require disclosure.

- J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited
- J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited paid for all of the operating and other expenses of J W Group Limited, with J W Group Limited charging a management charge of £60,000.00. At the year end J W Group Limited owed J W Group Insurance & Risk Managers Limited £216,688.00.
- J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited
- J W Group Limited received a management charge of £90,000.00 from J W Group Lowland Insurance Brokers Limited.

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 31 May 2003

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16. Gross cash flows

17.

			31/05/03 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest paid			(12,372)
Dividends received			149,475
Preference dividends paid			(90,000)
			47,103
			47,103
Acquisitions and disposals			
Payments on acquisition of group interests			(2,061,934)
Financing			1-4
Issue of ordinary share capital			3,000
Issue of preference share capital			900,000
New long term bank loan			383,036
Other new long term loans			446,433
			1,732,469
			====
Analysis of changes in net funds			
	Cash	Other	Closing
	flows	changes	balance
	£	£	£
Debt due within one year	(132,000)	_	(132,000)
Debt due after one year	(697,469)	132,000	(565,469)
	(829,469)	132,000	(697,469)
Net funds	(829,469)	132,000	(697,469)