Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 January 2005





Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2005

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Directors

W R Charters
J E McKerchar
A D Charters
K D Loughran
J C Moore

Secretary and registered office

W R Charters, 64 Dalblair Road, Ayr, KA7 1UH

Company number

243495

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP, 64 Dalblair Road, Ayr, KA7 1UH

Bankers

Bank of Scotland, 123 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5EA

Solicitors

McClure Naismith, 292 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5TQ

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 January 2005

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2005.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 5 and shows the profit for the year.

Principal activities, review of business and future developments

The company's principal activity is that of a management company.

In May 2003 BDF Holdings Limited acquired the entire issued share capital of BDF Healthcare Limited, a company incorporated in Scotland. The comparative figures are for a nine month period.

The directors are happy with progress made and are confident of satisfactory results for the current year.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the ordinary share capital of the company were:

		'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each		'B'Ordinary shares of £1 each	
		31 January 2005	31 January 2004	31 January 2005	31 January 2004
W R Charters		78,000	78,000	-	a
J E McKerchar		85,500	85,500	-	-
A D Charters			_	37,500	37,500
K D Loughran		-	-	37,500	37,500
J W Smith	(resigned 27/9/04	~	-	-	37,500
J C Moore	(appointed 27/1/05)	-	-	37,500	-

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 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; and
- 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.

Report of the directors for the year ended 31 January 2005 (Continued)

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

W R Charters

Company Secretary

21 April 2005

Report of the independent auditors

To the shareholders of BDF Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of BDF Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 January 2005 on pages 5 to 18 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

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.

Our report has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. No person is entitled to rely on this report unless such a person is a person entitled to rely upon this report by virtue of and for the purpose of the Companies Act 1985 or has been expressly authorised to do so by our prior written consent. Save as above, we do not accept responsibility for this report to any other person or for any other purpose and we hereby expressly disclaim any and all such liability.

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.

Report of the independent auditors (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 January 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

BDO STOY HAYWARD LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Ayr

21 April 2005

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 January 2005

	Note	Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
Turnover		_	-
Administrative expenses		35,987	178,455
Operating loss		(35,987)	(178,455)
Income from shares in group undertakings Interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	2 3	400,000 47,270 (231,293)	1,200,000 23,616 (168,649)
Profit on ordinary activities before and after taxation for the financial year/period		179,990	876,512
Retained profit brought forward	11	876,512	-
Retained profit carried forward	11	1,056,502	876,512

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses in the current year and prior period are included in the profit and loss account.

Balance sheet at 31 January 2005

	Note	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £	31 January 2004 £
Fixed assets Fixed asset investments	6		5,650,000		5,650,000
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	1,120,060 837,815		1,200,000 525,131	
Creditors: amounts falling due with	in	1,957,875		1,725,131	
one year	8	3,131,373		3,058,619	
Net current liabilities			(1,173,498)		(1,333,488)
Total assets less current liabilities			4,476,502		4,316,512
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		3,120,000		3,140,000
			1,356,502		1,176,512
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	10 11		300,000 1,056,502		300,000 876,512
Equity shareholders' funds	12		1,356,502		1,176,512

The financial/statements were approved by the Board on 21 April 2005.

A D Charters Director

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 January 2005

	Note	Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	15	(8,770)	390,314
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	16	(184,023)	(145,033)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	16	-	(5,650,000)
Cash outflow before financing		(192,793)	(5,404,719)
Financing	16	(33,254)	5,846,254
(Decrease)/increase in cash	17	(226,047)	441,535

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Consolidated financial statements

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements by virtue of section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 as the group it heads qualifies as a medium sized group. These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Turnover

Turnover represents sales to external customers at invoiced amounts less value added tax or local taxes on sales.

Valuation of investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less any provision for impairment. Investments held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- deferred tax is not recognised on timing differences arising on revalued properties unless the company has entered into a binding sale agreement and is not proposing to take advantage of rollover relief; and
- the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates
 making sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing
 differences.

Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

2	Interest receivable		
		Year	9 Months
		ended	to
		31 January	31 January
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Bank deposits	26,683	9,141
	Loan interest recharged to subsidiary	20,587	14,475
			
		47,270	23,616
			
3	Interest payable and similar charges		
Ū	A LOOP OF THE STATE OF THE STAT	Year	9 Months
		ended	to
		31 January	31 January
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Bank overdraft interest	2,643	1,508
	Bank term loan	20,587	14,475
	Interest on loan notes	208,063	152,666
		231,293	168,649

4 Employees

The average number of employees (including directors) during the year was 5 (2004 - 5).

The company incurred no staff costs during the year.

5 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	179,990	876,512
		
Profit on ordinary activities at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2004 - 30%) Effect of:	53,997	262,954
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Non taxable group dividends Surrendered to other group company	57 (120,000) 65,946	8,475 (360,000) 88,571
Current tax charge for period	-	-

6 Fixed asset investments

Investment in subsidiaries

Cost

At 1 February 2004 and 31 January 2005

5,650,000

Subsidiary undertakings

The principal undertakings in which the company's interest at the year end is 20% or more are as follows:

	Country of incorporation or registration	Class of share capital held	Proportion of share capital held	Nature of business
Subsidiary undertakings	_			
BDF Limited	Scotland	Ordinary	100%	Manufacture and supply of medical textiles.
BDF Healthcare Limited	Scotland	Ordinary	100%	Manufacture and supply of medical textiles.

During May 2003 a share exchange agreement was carried out. The shareholders in BDF Healthcare Limited received a shareholding in BDF Holdings Limited and their shares in BDF Healthcare Limited were transferred to BDF Holdings Limited. BDF Healthcare Limited is now a subsidiary of BDF Holdings Limited. BDF Limited is a 100% fully owned subsidiary of BDF Healthcare Limited.

The following figures have been extracted from audited financial statements of the company's subsidiaries for the year ended 31 January 2005:

	Aggregate	share capital			
	and reserves		Profit f	Profit for the period	
	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004	
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Subsidiary undertakings					
BDF Limited	1,587,365	1,531,067	306,298	482,505	
BDF Healthcare Limited	135,669	102,403	433,266	662,944	
					

7 Debtors

Jeptors	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings Dividends receivable	720,060 400,000	1,200,000
	1,120,060	1,200,000
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All amounts shown under debtors fall due for payment within one year.

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (secured)	642,327	116,850
4% guaranteed loan stock	2,373,000	2,373,000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	58,000	503,465
Accruals and deferred income	58,046	65,304
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	3,131,373	3,058,619
		-

The bank borrowings are secured by a Bond and Floating Charge over the whole assets of the company together with a cross corporate guarantee provided by other group companies.

The 4% guaranteed loan stock is secured by a guarantee facility provided by the company's bankers. The maximum guarantee facility available is £2,373,000 and this is reduced by sums held in the cash collateral account. At 31 January 2005 sums held in the cash collateral account amounted to £837,815 (2004 - £525,131).

The 4% guaranteed loan stock is repayable on demand at its par value anytime from 8 May 2004 until 30 May 2013.

9 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £
Bank loans 4% unsecured loan stock	295,000 2,825,000	315,000 2,825,000
	3,120,000	3,140,000
Maturity of debt:		
	Loans and overdrafts 31 January 2005 £	Loans and overdrafts 31 January 2004
In one year or less, or on demand	3,015,327	2,489,850
In more than one year but not more than two years In more than two years but not more than five years In more than five years	20,000 60,000 3,040,000 3,120,000	20,000 60,000 3,060,000 3,140,000

Included in creditors due after more than one year are the following amounts repayable in more than five years:

	31 January 2005 £	31 January 2004 £
Loans	3,040,000	3,060,000

The bank loans are repayable by instalments, with the outstanding balance attracting interest at between 2.0% and 3.5% over the Bank of Scotland base rate. The bank loans are secured by a Bond and Floating Charge over the whole assets of the company together with a cross guarantee provided by other group companies.

The 4% unsecured loan notes amounting to £2,825,000 are not redeemable until 30 May 2013, when they are redeemable in full.

10 Share capital

-			Allot	ted, called up
		Authorised	:	and fully paid
	31 January	31 January	31 January	31 January
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	£	£	£	£
Equity share capital				
'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each	187,500	187,500	187,500	187,500
'B' Ordinary shares of £1 each	112,500	112,500	112,500	112,500
				
	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000
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Both classes of ordinary shares rank pari passu in all respects including voting rights and rights to receive dividends and distributions whether of a capital or revenue nature except for some restrictions on transfer of the 'B' ordinary shares.

11 Reserves

	Profit and loss account £
At 1 February 2004 Profit for the year	876,512 179,990
At 31 January 2005	1,056,502

12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
Profit for the year Issue of shares	179,990 -	876,512 300,000
Net additions to shareholders' funds	179,990	1,176,512
Opening shareholders' funds	1,176,512	
Closing shareholders' funds	1,356,502	1,176,512

13 Contingent liabilities

The company has guaranteed bank borrowings of its subsidiaries. At the year end the liabilities covered by these guarantees totalled £247,026 (2004 - £NIL).

Bank borrowings are secured by a cross corporate guarantee consisting of a Bond and Floating Charge over the whole assets of the company.

14 Related party disclosures

Controlling parties

No single party has overall control of the company. The directors of the company hold 92% of the issued share capital.

14 Related party disclosures (continued)

Related party transactions and balances

	Sales to related party	Purchases from related party	Amounts owed to related party	Amounts owed by related party
	£	£	£	£
BDF Limited BDF Healthcare Limited 2004	-	-	58,000 -	720,060
BDF Limited BDf Healthcare Limited	-	-	23,525 479,940	-

BDF Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of BDF Healthcare Limited which is a wholly owned subsidiary of BDF Holdings Limited.

The loan stock referred to in notes 8 and 9 to the financial statements is held by directors of the company as follows;

Loans and transactions concerning directors and officers of the company

	4% Guaranteed loan stock	4% Unsecured loan stock
	£	£
W R Charters J E McKerchar	1,469,000 904,000	1,469,000 904,000

The directors loan stock holdings are unchanged from 2003.

15 Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities

	Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
Operating loss Decrease in debtors (Decrease)/increase in creditors	(35,987) 479,940 (452,723)	(178,455) - 568,769
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	(8,770)	390,314

16 Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in the cash flow statement

		Year ended 31 January 2005 £	9 Months to 31 January 2004 £
		~	~
	Returns on investment and servicing of finance	47 270	22.616
	Interest received Interest paid: other	47,270 (231,293)	23,616 (168,649)
		(184,023)	(145,033)
	Capital expenditure and financial investment	***************************************	
	Payments to acquire fixed asset investments	-	(5,650,000)
	Financing		
	Share capital issued	-	300,000
	New loans Loans repaid	(33,254)	5,548,000 (1,746)
		(33,254)	5,846,254
17]	Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt		
		Year ended 31 January 2005	9 Months to 31 January 2004
		£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash	(226,047)	441,535
	Cash outflow/(inflow) from changes in debt	33,254	(5,546,254)
	Movement in net debt	(192,793)	(5,104,719)
	Opening net (debt)/funds	(5,104,719)	-
	Closing net debt	(5,297,512)	(5,104,719)
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18 Analysis of net debt

	At 1 February 2004 £	Cash flow £	Other non- cash items £	At 31 January 2005 £
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	525,131 (83,596)	312,684 (538,731) ————————————————————————————————————	-	837,815 (622,327)
Debt due within one year Debt due after one year	(2,406,254) (3,140,000)	33,254	(20,000) 20,000	(2,393,000) (3,120,000)
Total	(5,104,719)	(192,793)	-	(5,297,512)