Report and Financial Statements

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Deloitte & Touche LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Leeds

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

ACTIVITIES

The company commenced trading in August 2001, its principal activity being a wholesaler of branded lingerie.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND PROSPECTS

The directors consider the results for the year to be satisfactory and expect the company to trade profitably for the foreseeable future.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5. No interim dividend has been paid (2004: £nil). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2004: £nil).

The profit for the year of £93,990 (2004: £164,677) has been transferred to reserves.

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

The company's policy concerning the payment of its trade creditors is to agree the terms of payment with each supplier before trading commences, and to comply with such terms.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

Directors serving during the year are set out below:

Stefan Preston

Louise Jones

(resigned 19 December 2004)

Bruce McEwen

No director has any interest in the share capital of the company. Interests held in the parent company are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

B McÉwen

Director

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period 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; 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BENDON UK LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Bendon UK Limited for the year ended 31 March 2005 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet, and the related notes 1 to 18. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

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 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report 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 for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

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 circumstances of the company, 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

27 April

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Leeds

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2005

	Note		
		2005	2004
		£	£
TURNOVER	1	4,964,105	3,755,839
Operating costs	2	(4,842,618)	(3,524,819)
OPERATING PROFIT		121,487	231,020
Interest receivable and similar charge		5,337	1,877
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(32,834)	(68,220)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		93,990	164,677
Taxation	5		
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION AND PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	12, 13	93,990	164,677
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All activities derive from continuing operations.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current or preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

BALANCE SHEET 31 March 2005

	Note	2005 £	2004 £
FIXED ASSETS	6	83,165	101,378
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks	7	1,213,328	472,845
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	660,071 211,810	624,742 352,369
		2,085,209	1,449,956
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,740,610)	(1,217,560)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		344,599	232,396
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		427,764	333,774
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(994,002)	(994,002)
NET LIABILITIES		(566,238)	(660,228)
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	300,000	300,000
Profit and loss account	12	(866,238)	(960,228)
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	13	(566,238)	(660,228)

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 April 2006.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

B McEwen

Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the reporting requirements of the Companies Act 1985, together with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted, which have been applied consistently in both the current and previous financial year, are described below.

Cashflow statement

The company is exempt from the requirement of FRS 1 (Revised) to prepare a cash flow statement, as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of a group which prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover represents sales less returns and discounts and excludes Value Added Tax.

Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as the leasing charges are incurred.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment and depreciation. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The useful lives used to calculate depreciation are as follows:

Fixtures and fittings

3 to 5 years

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the actual or estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred taxation is provided in full on all timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no binding commitment to sell the asset, or on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries and associates where there is no commitment to remit these earnings. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. All exchange differences are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

2.	OPERATING COSTS				
		2005	2005	2004	2004
		£	£	£	£
	Changes in stocks of finished goods		(740,483)		(134,426)
	Other operating income		(49,725)		(80,235)
	Staff costs (note 3)		433,936		288,356
	Depreciation on owned assets (note 6)		46,813		30,545
	Operating leases;				
	Land and buildings	50,461		50,177	
	Office equipment	600		600	
	Auditors' remuneration;				
	Audit services	11,000		9,000	
	Non-audit services	1,750		1,750	
	Other operating charges	5,168,987		3,699,346	
	Total other operating charges		5,232,798		3,760,873
			4,923,339		3,865,113
3.	INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECT	ORS AND EMPLO	OYEES	***	2004
				2005	2004
				£	£
	Staff costs during the year			201 610	241 955
	Wages and salaries			391,619	241,855
	Social Security costs			42,317	46,501
				433,936	288,356
	Average number of persons employed	during the year			
	(including directors)			No.	No.
	Sales and administration			7	5
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None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their capacity as directors during the year.

Directors' remuneration was borne by other group companies. It is not possible to identify that portion of the total remuneration paid in relation to services to Benson UK Limited in the current or previous financial year. Total remuneration paid to the directors by the group is available in the financial statements of the immediate parent company as set out in note 18.

At the year end, none (2004: none) of the directors was a member of a company pension scheme.

INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES 4.

	2005	2004
	£	£
Amounts payable to parent company	32,834	68,220

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

5.	TAXATION	2005 £	2004 £
	Corporation tax at 30%	-	-
	The standard rate of current tax for the year based on the UK standard racurrent year tax charge is nil, for the reasons set out in the following reconc		is 30%. The
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	93,990	164,677
	Taxation charge on profit on ordinary activities at standard rate Factors affecting charge:	28,197	49,403
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(45,566)	1,792
	Accelerated capital allowances	5,170	(1,271)
	Short term timing differences	5,981	(1,820)
	Trading losses	6,218	(48,104)
		-	-
6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		Fixtures and Fittings £
	Cost		*
	At 1 April 2004		138,154
	Additions		33,475
	Disposals		(7,311)
	At 31 March 2005		164,318
	Depreciation		36,777
	At 1 April 2004 Charge for the year		46,813
	On disposals		(2,437)
	At 31 March 2005		81,153
	Net Book Value 31 March 2005		83,165
	Net Book Value at 31 March 2004		101,378
7.	STOCKS		
		2005 £	2004 £
	Finished goods	1,213,328	472,845
	00000	-,-,-,-	=======

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

2005 £	2004 £		
Trade debtors 598,695	449,471		
Other debtors and prepayments 61,376	175,271		
660,071	624,742		
9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
2005	2004		
£	£		
Trade creditors 464,453	210,485		
Amounts owed to parent company 869,386	782,274		
Taxation and Social Security 113,460	36,990		
Accruals 293,311	187,811		
1,740,610	1,217,560		
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR			
2005 £	2004 £		
Debenture 994,002	994,002		
All debentures are repayable on 31 March 2007.			
11. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			
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Ordinary shares of £1 each, authorised, issued and fully paid £	£		
<u> </u>	1,000,000		
300,000 Called up, allotted and fully paid 300,000	300,000		
12. RESERVES			
Pı	rofit and s reserve		
Polonce of at 1 April 2004	£ (960,228)		
Balance as at 1 April 2004 Profit for the financial year	93,990		
Balance as at 31 March 2005	(866,238)		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

			2005 £	2004 £
	Profit for the financial year		93,990	164,677
	Increase in equity shareholders' funds Opening equity shareholders' deficit		93,990 (660,228)	164,677 (824,905)
	Closing equity shareholders' deficit		(566,238)	(660,228)
14.	OPERATING LEASES	Office Equipment £	Land and Buildings £	Total £
	Annual commitments payable under operating leases which expire: 2 to 5 years	600	63,192	63,792

15. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Crown Estate Commissioners have a rent deposit deed dated 8 November 2004 over all sums from time to time credited to or withdrawn from a deposit account in respect of all monies due or to become due from the company to the charge.

Tower Trust Limited has a trust deed dated 6 September 2004 with Pacific Group Retail Limited (including Bendon UK Limited) for securing all amounts due and payable from time to time by the parent company in respect of secured capital notes.

ANZ Banking Group (New Zealand) has a supplemental deed dated 6 September 2004 being a fixed and floating charge over the undertaking and all property and assets present and future, in respect of all monies due from the company.

16. PROVISONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	2005		2004	
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
Deferred taxation	£	£	£	£
Capital allowances	-	(6,700)	-	(1,000)
Trading losses	-	(226,000)	-	(256,000)
Short term timing differences		(6,000)		(12,000)
		(238,700)		(269,000)

The above unprovided deferred tax assets would be recovered through reduced tax charges on future taxable profits.

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 'Related Party Transactions' not to disclose transactions with other group companies.

There were no other related party transactions in the current or prior financial year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

18. PARENT COMPANY AND ULTIMATE CONTROL

The immediate parent company and smallest group for which consolidated accounts are prepared is Bendon Group Limited, a company registered and incorporated in New Zealand.

The ultimate parent company and controlling entity and largest group for which consolidated accounts are prepared is Pacific Retail Group Limited, a company incorporated in New Zealand. Copies of the consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Pacific Retail Group Limited, Level 1, One Nelson Street, PO Box 91141, Auckland, New Zealand.