

European Caveats Limited

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended

31 March 2003



European Caveats Limited

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

J C Boydell
S J Wilkinson
I R Smith
S Perkins
A D Marles

SECRETARY

R J Gaunt

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ACCOUNTANTS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and unaudited financial statements of European Caveats Limited for the year ended 31 March 2003.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the year was the monitoring of European patent applications.

THE DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SHARES OF THE COMPANY

The directors who served the company during the year together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as follows:

	Ordinary Shares of £1 each	
	At 31 March 2003	At 1 April 2002
J C Boydell	3	3
S J Wilkinson	3	3
I R Smith	3	3
S Perkins	3	3
A D Marles	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

The remaining 3 ordinary shares are owned jointly by all the above directors.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the board



R J Gaunt

Company Secretary

3-11-2003

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
TURNOVER		50,570	60,554
Administrative expenses		46,476	59,202
OPERATING PROFIT	2	4,094	1,352
Interest receivable		138	182
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		4,232	1,534
Taxation		—	166
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		4,232	1,368

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 2003

	Notes	2003 £	2002 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	3	15,987	16,074
Cash at bank		17,792	17,164
		<u>33,779</u>	<u>33,238</u>
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	23,365	27,056
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,414</u>	<u>6,182</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>10,414</u>	<u>6,182</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up equity share capital	6	18	18
Profit and loss account	7	10,396	6,164
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>10,414</u>	<u>6,182</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 (the Act) relating to the audit of the accounts for the year by virtue of section 249A(1), and that no member or members have requested an audit pursuant to section 249B(2) of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (i) ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Act, and
- (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 11/9/03 and are signed on their behalf by:



Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 March 2003

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective March 2000).

TURNOVER

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

FIXED ASSETS

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

OPERATING LEASE AGREEMENTS

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2003	2002
	£	£
Directors' emoluments	—	—
Depreciation	—	466
	<u>—</u>	<u>466</u>

3 DEBTORS

	2003	2002
	£	£
Trade debtors	9,753	9,623
Other debtors	6,234	6,451
	<u>15,987</u>	<u>16,074</u>

4 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2003	2002
	£	£
Amounts owed to undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	22,365	25,890
Corporation tax	—	166
Other creditors	1,000	1,000
	<u>23,365</u>	<u>27,056</u>

5 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

All of the Directors are partners in Stevens, Hewlett and Perkins. During the year the company was charged a management charge totalling £32,000 (2002 - £48,000), this was for the provision of management and supporting services from Stevens, Hewlett and Perkins. The balance outstanding at the year end is disclosed in the above note 4.

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6 SHARE CAPITAL

	2003 £	2002 £
Authorised:		
100 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
	2003 £	2002 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
18 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>

7 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2003 £	2002 £
At 1 April 2002	6,164	4,796
Retained profit for the financial year	<u>4,232</u>	<u>1,368</u>
At 31 March 2003	<u>10,396</u>	<u>6,164</u>