

Company registration number: 3431221

Nameco (No. 53) Limited

Report and financial statements 31 December 2003

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Company information

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Report of the directors

The directors submit their report together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the Company is that of trading as a Lloyd's corporate capital member. The Company's result for the year is in line with expectations given the market results for the closing 2001 year of account

The Company continues to trade in 2004 and the Directors expect this year's result to be better than years currently being reported.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on pages 6 to 7 of the financial statements. The directors do not propose to pay a dividend.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who served at any time during the year and their interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	At 31 December 2003 Ordinary £1 shares	At 1 January 2002 Ordinary £1 shares
J R H Evans	-	-
Nomina plc	1	1

Nomina plc holds the above share as trustee for P C Frey.

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Report of the directors (continued)

Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the company 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 applied
- 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.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies, consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates, have been used in the preparation of the financial statements and that applicable accounting standards have been followed.

By Order of the Board



Hampden Legal PLC
Secretary

30th June 2004

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Independent Auditors' report

To the Shareholders of Nameco (No. 53) Limited

We have audited the Financial Statements of Nameco (No. 53) Limited for the year ended 31 December 2003 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes on pages 6 to 25. 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 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 auditor's 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

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 on page 3.

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 other information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited Financial Statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the Financial Statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of 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.

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Independent Auditors' report (continued)

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 of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2003, and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Littlejohn Frazer

Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors

30th June 2004

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Profit and loss account

Technical account – general business

For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Earned premiums, net of reinsurance			
Gross premiums written	3	360,084	409,791
Outward reinsurance premiums		(70,138)	(121,478)
Net premiums written		289,946	288,313
Allocated investment return transferred from the non-technical account		10,655	16,242
Total technical income		300,601	304,555
Claims paid			
Gross amount		(198,728)	(250,312)
Reinsurers' share		77,957	111,005
Net claims paid		(120,771)	(139,307)
Change in provision for claims			
Gross amount		9,283	(144,085)
Reinsurers' share		(88,271)	73,596
Claims incurred net of reinsurance		(199,759)	(209,796)
Net operating expenses	4	(117,996)	(120,877)
Investment expenses and charges		(418)	(359)
Total charges		(318,173)	(331,032)
Balance on technical account – general business		(17,572)	(26,477)

The accounting policies and notes on pages 11 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Profit and loss account

Non - technical account

For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Balance on technical account – general business		(17,572)	(26,477)
Investment income	5	11,545	16,414
Allocated investment return transferred to the Technical account – general business		(10,655)	(16,242)
Profit (loss) on disposal of syndicate capacity		1,144	7,039
Other charges		(4,580)	(5,713)
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	6	(20,118)	(24,979)
Tax on profit (loss) on ordinary activities	7	7,395	-
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation for the financial year	11	(12,723)	(24,979)

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit or (loss) on ordinary activities after taxation stated above. There is no material difference between the reported profit or (loss) for the period and the profit or (loss) for the period restated on a historical cost basis.

All amounts above relate to continuing operations.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 11 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2003

		31 December 2003			31 December 2002		
	Note	Held Directly £	Held through Syndicate Participation £	Total £	Held Directly £	Held through Syndicate Participation £	Total £
Assets							
Intangible assets							
Syndicate participation rights	8	2,820	-	2,820	3,104	-	3,104
Investments							
Financial investments	9	-	348,122	348,122	-	314,891	314,891
Deposits with ceding undertakings		-	442	442	-	657	657
		-	348,564	348,564	-	315,548	315,548
Reinsurers' share of technical provisions							
Claims outstanding		-	283,398	283,398	-	396,377	396,377
Debtors							
Arising out of direct insurance operations							
- Intermediaries		-	80,546	80,546	-	109,264	109,264
- Policyholders		-	5,092	5,092	-	1,620	1,620
Arising out of reinsurance operations		-	214,037	214,037	-	217,834	217,834
Other debtors		82,298	35,180	117,478	98,177	5,990	104,167
		82,298	334,855	417,153	98,177	334,708	432,885
Other assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		2,497	40,119	42,616	5,032	43,663	48,695
Other		-	33,032	33,032	-	28,676	28,676
		2,497	73,151	75,648	5,032	72,339	77,371
Prepayments and accrued income							
Other prepayments and accrued income		-	1,959	1,959	-	2,368	2,368
Total assets							
		87,615	1,041,927	1,129,542	106,313	1,121,340	1,227,653

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Balance sheet

As at 31 December 2003

		31 December 2003			31 December 2002		
	Note	Held Directly £	Held through Syndicate Participation £	Total £	Held Directly £	Held through Syndicate Participation £	Total £
Liabilities and shareholders' funds							
Capital and reserves							
Called up share capital	10	1	-	1	1	-	1
Share premium account		-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit and loss account	11	(143,666)	(50,585)	(194,251)	(119,673)	(61,855)	(181,528)
Shareholders' funds – attributable to equity interests	12	(143,665)	(50,585)	(194,250)	(119,672)	(61,855)	(181,527)
Technical provisions							
Claims outstanding – gross amount		-	985,686	985,686	34,375	1,077,037	1,111,412
Provisions for other risks and charges							
Provision for taxation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Creditors							
Arising out of direct insurance operations		-	5,530	5,530	-	11,945	11,945
Arising out of reinsurance operations		-	55,103	55,103	-	84,794	84,794
Other creditors	13	231,280	44,671	275,951	191,610	8,232	199,842
		231,280	105,304	336,584	191,610	104,971	296,581
Accruals and deferred income							
		-	1,522	1,522	-	1,187	1,187
Total liabilities							
		87,615	1,041,927	1,129,542	106,313	1,121,340	1,227,653

Approved by the board of directors on 30th June 2004
and signed on its behalf by:



Nomina plc
Director

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Cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 December 2003

	Note	2003 £	2002 £
Operating activities			
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14	(2,070)	(4,514)
Returns on investments		-	-
Capital expenditure			
Purchase of syndicate capacity		(1,240)	1
Proceeds from sale of syndicate capacity		1,154	9,536
Taxation			
Corporation tax (paid) refunded		(379)	-
Financing			
Issue of shares		-	-
Share issue expenses		-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) for the year		<u>(2,535)</u>	<u>5,023</u>

Cash flows were invested as follows:

Increase/(decrease) in cash holdings	(2,535)	5,023
Purchase of financial investments	-	-
Sale of financial investments	-	-
Net investment of cash flows	<u>(2,535)</u>	<u>5,023</u>

The Company has no control over the disposition of assets and liabilities at Lloyd's. Consequently, the cash flow statement is prepared reflecting only the movement in corporate funds, which includes transfers to and from the syndicates at Lloyd's.

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2003

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments.

1.2 Basis of accounting for underwriting results

The company participates in insurance business as an underwriting member of various syndicates at Lloyd's. All classes of insurance business written are accounted for on a three year funded basis because it is the basis most similar to that followed by the syndicates. The nature of the information managing agents can make available is insufficient for the company to make reliable estimates of the necessary technical provisions on an annual basis of accounting. Under the three year funded basis followed by the company, the excess of premiums written and attributable net investment return over claims and expenses paid in respect of contracts incepting in an accounting period ("the underwriting year") is carried forward as a technical provision until the end of the third year from the inception of the underwriting year. Consequently, no profit is recognised in respect of an underwriting year until that time at the earliest.

If an underwriting year is expected to make a loss, the loss is recognised as soon as it is foreseen by increasing the technical provision to make it sufficient to meet present liabilities and anticipated future claims and expenses.

1.3 Premiums

Premiums written comprise the total premiums receivable for the whole period of cover provided by the contracts incepting during the financial year, together with any adjustments arising in the year to such premiums receivable in respect of business written in prior years. Premiums are shown gross of commission payable to intermediaries and exclude insurance premium tax.

Gross premiums written may include "reinsurance to close" receivable (see 1.6 below).

Premiums written by a syndicate may also include the reinsurance of other syndicates on which the company participates. No adjustments have been made to gross premiums written or outward reinsurance premiums (or to gross and reinsurers' share of claims) to remove this intersyndicate reinsurance.

Outward reinsurance premiums may include "reinsurance to close" payable (see 1.6 below).

1.4 Claims incurred

Claims incurred include the costs of claims handling expenses. Recoverable amounts arising out of subrogation or salvage are deducted from the cost of claims. Claims incurred comprise amounts paid or provided in respect of claims occurring during the year to 31 December, together with the amount by which settlement or reassessment of claims from previous years differ from the provision at the beginning of the year.

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1.5 Provision for claims (technical provisions)

Provision is made for claims incurred but not paid in respect of events up to 31 December. The provision includes the amounts required to ensure that for each underwriting year no profit is recognised before the end of the third year under the three year funded basis of accounting (see 1.2 above).

The provision has been increased as appropriate by the company to the extent that deficits are foreseen on underwriting years before the 36 months point is reached.

The provision is based on the returns and reports from the managing agents and the company's members' agent.

1.6 Reinsurance to close

A reinsurance to close is a particular type of reinsurance contract entered into by Lloyd's syndicates. Under it, underwriting members (the reinsured members) who are members of a syndicate for a year of account (the closed year), agree with underwriting members who comprise that or another syndicate for a later year of account (the reinsuring members) that the reinsuring members will indemnify, discharge or procure the discharge, of the reinsured members against all known and unknown liabilities of the reinsured members arising out of insurance business undertaken through that syndicate and allocated to the closed year in consideration of:

- (a) a premium; and
- (b) either
 - (i) the assignment, or agreement to assign, to the reinsuring members of all the rights of the reinsured members arising out of, or in connection with, that insurance business (including without limitation the right to receive all future premiums, reinsurances and other monies receivable in connection with that insurance business); or
 - (ii) an agreement by the reinsured members that the reinsuring members shall collect on behalf of the reinsured members the proceeds of all such rights and retain them for their own benefit so far as they are not applied in discharges of the liabilities of the reinsured members.

To the extent that the company participates on successive years of account of the same syndicate and there is a reinsurance to close between those years, the company has offset its share of the reinsurance to close received against its share of the reinsurance to close paid.

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1.6 Reinsurance to close (continued)

If the company has increased its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close paid is eliminated, as a result of this offset, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close received. This reflects the fact that the company has assumed a greater proportion of the business of the syndicate. If the company has reduced its participation from one year of account to the next, the reinsurance to close received is eliminated, leaving an element of the reinsurance to close paid. This reflects the reduction in the company's exposure to risks previously written by the syndicate.

The reinsurance to close is technically a reinsurance contract and, as such, the payment of a reinsurance to close does not remove from members of that year of account ultimate responsibility for claims payable on risks they have written. If the reinsuring members under the reinsurance to close become insolvent and the other elements of the Lloyd's chain of security also fail, the reinsured members remain liable for the settlement of any outstanding claims.

However, payment of a reinsurance to close is conventionally accepted as terminating a reinsured member's participation on a syndicate year of account and it is treated for accounts purposes as settling all the company's outstanding gross liabilities in respect of the business so reinsured.

1.7 Run-off years

Where an underwriting year of account is not closed at the end of the third year (a "run-off" year of account) a provision is made for the estimated cost of all known and unknown outstanding liabilities for that year. The provision is determined initially by the managing agent on a similar basis to the reinsurance to close. However, any subsequent variation in the ultimate liabilities for that year remains with the corporate member participating therein. As a result any run-off year will continue to report movements in its results after the third year until such time as it secures a reinsurance to close.

1.8 Investments

Listed and other traded investments are stated at mid-market values. Other investments are stated at directors' valuations. Unrealised gains and losses are recognised in the profit and loss account.

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1.9 Investment income

Investment income comprises interest receivable and dividends received plus realised gains and losses on the disposal of investments. Realised gains and losses arise from the difference between sale proceeds and either the valuation at the previous year end, or purchase cost if the investment was purchased during the current year.

Where investments represent the company's share of syndicate investments, they are treated as sold and repurchased at each year end in recognition of the annual venture nature of participation on a syndicate. The cost of these investments is therefore their market value at each 31 December. The realised gains reported by Syndicates are net of any realised losses.

All investment income, net of realised losses, arising on syndicate participations is allocated to the technical account. Other investment income is attributable to the non-technical account.

1.10 Investment expenses and charges

Investment expenses and charges comprise investment management expenses.

1.11 Net operating expenses

Operating expenses are recognised when incurred. They include the company's share of syndicate operating expenses, the remuneration payable to managing agents (and the company's members' agent/licensed adviser) and the direct costs of membership of Lloyd's. Where they relate to the company's underwriting, they are taken into account in calculating the technical provision required under the three year funded basis of accounting.

1.12 Other charges

Expenses not attributable to underwriting or investment management are recognised when incurred.

1.13 Foreign currencies

The company's share of syndicate assets, liabilities, income and expenditure expressed in US dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros (where accounted by syndicates under the Lloyd's direct settlement scheme) are translated at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Underwriting transactions in Euros (where accounted by syndicates under the Lloyd's conversion scheme) and other foreign currencies are included in the financial statements at historical rates. All exchange differences relating to syndicates are dealt with in the technical account.

1.14 Syndicate participation rights

Where the company has purchased the right to participate on Syndicates, the cost is capitalised, less any provision for permanent diminution in value, and amortised on a straight line basis over its estimated economic life. It is intended that purchased capacity will be amortised over 5 years. No amortisation is charged until the first year of account in which profits or losses are normally recognised.

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1.15 Taxation

The company is taxed on its share of the underwriting results declared by Syndicates and these are deemed to accrue evenly over the calendar year in which they are declared. The syndicate results (excluding any additional provisions made by the directors) relating to the 2003 account will be declared for tax purposes in the calendar year 2006.

Other profits are assessable to corporation tax in the same period as they are recognised for accounting purposes, after adjustment in accordance with tax legislation.

1.16 Deferred taxation

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 have not been discounted.

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2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Companies Act 1985 ("the Act") and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, and the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting for Insurance Business issued by the Association of British Insurers in 1998.

An underwriting member of Lloyd's is obliged to maintain Funds at Lloyd's (FAL) sufficient not only to support its continuing underwriting, but also to meet the whole of its liabilities as determined in the solvency test carried out each year as at 31 December. Where closed year deficits have been transferred to the distribution process, which is normally in the year following the closure of the underwriting year concerned, those deficits are normally funded by one or both of the company's own retained funds and the funds of the shareholders being made available to the company in the form of either further capital or debt.

Any losses incurred by the company are therefore funded by the FAL, by any retained reserves of the company, and by further capital or debt introduced by the shareholders. On this basis, the accounts of the company have been prepared on the basis that the company is a going concern.

2.2 Recognition of insurance transactions

Preparing financial statements in accordance with Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Act requires the company to recognise its proportion of all the transactions undertaken by the Lloyd's syndicates in which it participates.

The company has delegated sole management and control of its underwriting through each syndicate to the managing agent of the syndicate and it has further undertaken not to interfere with the exercise of such management and control. The managing agents of the syndicates are therefore responsible for determining the insurance transactions to be recognised by the company. The only exception to this rule is the level of provision for outstanding claims. These provisions have been determined by the directors of the company (see 1.5 above).

Accordingly, for each such syndicate, the company's proportion of the underwriting transactions, investment return and operating expenses has been reflected within the company's technical account. Similarly, its proportion of the syndicate's assets and liabilities has been reflected in its balance sheet (under the column heading "Held through Syndicate Participation"). The "syndicate" assets are held subject to trust deeds for the benefit of the company's insurance creditors.

The proportion referred to above is calculated by reference to the company's participation as a percentage of each syndicate's total capacity.

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2.3 Sources of data

The information used to compile the technical account and the “syndicate” balance sheet is based on returns prepared for this purpose by the managing agents of the syndicates. The returns have been subjected to audit by the syndicate auditors and are based on the audited syndicate returns to Lloyd’s and the audited annual reports to syndicate members. This base data has been adjusted as necessary so that the returns reflect the differences in preparation between syndicate annual reports and financial statements in accordance with Schedule 9A of the Companies Act 1985.

The format of the returns has been established by Lloyd’s and Lloyd’s has also been responsible for collating the data at a syndicate level and analysing it into corporate member level results.

The returns cover the 12 months to 31 December 2003.

2.4 Debtors/creditors arising from insurance/reinsurance operations

The amounts shown in the Balance Sheets in respect of the above include the totals of all the syndicate’s outstanding debit and credit transactions as processed by the central facility used by Lloyd’s; no account has been taken of any offsets which may be applicable in calculating the net amounts due between the syndicates and each of their counter party insurers, reinsurers or intermediaries as appropriate.

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3 Segmental information	Gross premiums written £	Gross claims incurred £	Gross operating expenses £	Reinsurance balance £	Total £
2003					
Direct business					
Accident and health	9,865	(4,499)	(4,242)	(2,154)	(1,030)
Motor – third party liability	1,681	(2,673)	(984)	708	(1,268)
Motor – other classes	21,299	(6,884)	(6,139)	(2,023)	6,253
Marine, aviation and transport	21,248	8,451	(9,543)	(13,644)	6,512
Fire and other damage to property	64,665	(1,829)	(23,505)	(28,801)	10,530
Third party liability	78,847	(82,357)	(25,190)	(16,778)	(45,478)
Credit and suretyship	1,686	(6,500)	(1,670)	(805)	(7,289)
Legal expenses	1,963	(1,937)	(917)	(152)	(1,043)
Assistance	(3)	3	(1)	21	20
Other	1,229	1,282	(677)	(1,704)	130
Total direct	202,480	(96,943)	(72,868)	(65,332)	(32,663)
Reinsurance business					
Other reinsurance acceptances	115,634	(5,013)	(34,564)	(72,312)	3,745
Reinsurance to close	41,970	(121,864)	-	57,192	(22,702)
	360,084	(223,820)	(107,432)	(80,452)	(51,620)

	2003 £
Gross premiums in respect of direct business written in:	
United Kingdom	202,480
Other EU Member states	-
Rest of the world	-
	<u>202,480</u>

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3 Segmental information (continued)

2002	Gross premiums written £	Gross claims incurred £	Gross operating expenses £	Reinsurance balance £	Total £
Direct business					
Accident and health	13,375	(18,399)	(7,620)	2,996	(9,648)
Motor – third party liability	2,578	(2,717)	(1,092)	864	(367)
Motor – other classes	36,192	(44,293)	(9,908)	5,214	(12,795)
Marine, aviation and transport	38,211	(46,677)	(9,221)	8,097	(9,590)
Fire and other damage to property	91,637	(109,205)	(25,410)	2,902	(40,076)
Third party liability	88,712	(94,672)	(26,429)	16,040	(16,349)
Credit and suretyship	5,601	(3,570)	(1,806)	(7,911)	(7,686)
Legal expenses	1,609	(1,969)	(588)	(53)	(1,001)
Assistance	19	(123)	(11)	77	(38)
Other	3,280	(2,098)	(1,402)	2,140	1,920
Total direct	281,214	(323,723)	(83,487)	30,366	(95,630)
Reinsurance business					
Other reinsurance acceptances	108,117	(155,288)	(23,724)	27,478	(43,417)
Reinsurance to close	20,460	44,639	-	5,279	70,378
	409,791	(434,372)	(107,211)	63,123	(68,669)

Gross premiums in respect of direct business written in:

	2002 £
United Kingdom	280,740
Other EU Member states	474
Rest of the world	-
	<u>281,214</u>

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4 Net operating expenses	2003	2002
	£	£
Syndicate operating expenses	7,669	34,530
Exchange adjustment	27,144	24,032
Costs of acquisition – commission and brokerage	72,619	48,649
	107,432	107,211
Members personal expenses	9,205	9,072
Other operating expenses	1,359	4,594
	117,996	120,877

5 Investment income	2003	2002
	£	£
Investment income	15,628	14,743
Realised investment gains less losses	(4,083)	1,671
Unrealised gains less losses on investments	-	-
	11,545	16,414

6 Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

The auditor's remuneration of £120 is charged to Nomina plc and then recharged to the company as part of the Nomina plc management fee included within other charges in the non-technical account.

The company has no employees and no director's fees have been paid in the period.

7 Taxation	2003	2002
	£	£
Analysis of charge in period		
Current U.K. corporation tax at 19.25%	379	-
Prior year	-	-
	379	-
Deferred tax at 19.25%	(7,774)	-
	(7,395)	-

Factors affecting tax charge for period

The tax assessed for the period is different than the standard rate of Corporation Tax in the UK of 19.25%. The differences are shown below:

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7 Taxation (continued)

	2003 £	2002 £
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(20,118)	(24,979)
Tax on above multiplied by the standard rate of 19.25%	(3,873)	(4,808)
Effects of:		
Underwriting results subject to timing differences for taxation	19,540	12,285
Utilisation of tax losses	(15,445)	(7,477)
Deferred tax asset not recognised	-	-
Amortisation and other tax computation adjustments	(223)	-
Marginal or starting rates of taxation	380	-
Current tax charge for the period	379	-

Deferred tax as shown above is included within other debtors.

8 Intangible assets – held directly

Syndicate participation rights	2003 £	2002 £
Cost		
At 1 January 2003	7,597	11,699
Additions	1,240	-
Disposals	(25)	(4,102)
At 31 December 2003	8,812	7,597
Amortisation		
At 1 January 2003	4,493	4,579
Charge for the period	1,514	1,520
Disposals	(15)	(1,606)
At 31 December 2003	5,992	4,493
Net book value		
At 31 December 2003	2,820	3,104
At 1 January 2003	3,104	7,120

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9 Financial investments

	2003 Historic cost £	2003 Market Value £	2002 Historic cost £	2002 Market Value £
Syndicate participations				
Shares and other variable yield securities	22,054	26,049	32,103	16,434
Debt securities and other fixed income securities	334,388	308,163	242,212	260,633
Participation in investment pools	9,530	4,588	4,932	4,910
Loans guaranteed by mortgage	47	47	220	234
Other loans	-	-	8,781	8,188
Deposits with credit institutions	7,946	9,072	13,286	24,233
Other	49	203	67	259
	<u>374,014</u>	<u>348,122</u>	<u>301,601</u>	<u>314,891</u>

Other

Shares and other variable yield securities

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Analysis of market value

Syndicate participations

	2003 £	2002 £
Listed on the stock exchange	270,088	206,468
Other listed	35,570	34,243
Unlisted	42,464	74,180
	<u>348,122</u>	<u>314,891</u>

Other

Listed on the stock exchange
Unlisted

-	-
-	-
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10 Share capital

Authorised

100 Ordinary shares of £1 each

2003 £	2002 £
<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid

1 Ordinary share of £1 each

<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
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11 Statement of movements on reserves	2003 £	2002 £
Balance at 1 January 2003	(181,528)	(156,549)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	(12,723)	(24,979)
Balance at 31 December 2003	<u>(194,251)</u>	<u>(181,528)</u>

The reserves included above shown as being held directly represent the accumulated results of the Company's corporate activities, the results for any closed/run-off years that have been settled and anticipated losses on open years. The reserves shown as held through syndicate participation represent closed/run-off year results not yet settled.

12 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2003 £	2002 £
Loss for the financial year	(12,723)	(24,979)
Proceeds from issue of shares	-	-
Share premium on new share capital	-	-
Expenses paid in connection with share issue	-	-
Net addition to shareholders' funds	(12,723)	(24,979)
Opening shareholders' funds	(181,527)	(156,548)
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>(194,250)</u>	<u>(181,527)</u>

13 Other creditors including taxation and social security – held directly	2003 £	2002 £
Corporation tax	-	-
Proprietors' loan accounts	194,052	178,879
Third party funds	-	-
Other creditors	37,228	12,731
	<u>231,280</u>	<u>191,610</u>

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14 Cash flow statement	2003 £	2002 £
Reconciliation of profit or loss on ordinary activities before tax to net cash inflow from operating activities:		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(20,118)	(24,979)
(Profit)/loss attributable to syndicate transactions	(11,270)	22,131
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	23,653	(55,253)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and technical provisions	5,295	59,108
(Profit)/loss on disposal of intangible assets	(1,144)	(7,040)
Amortisation of syndicate capacity	1,514	1,519
Impairment of syndicate capacity	-	-
Unrealised (gain)/loss on revaluation of investments	-	-
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>(2,070)</u>	<u>(4,514)</u>

15 Related party disclosure

The company's 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 underwriting is supported by the assets of or guarantees made interavailable to it by P C Frey. These assets or guarantees are also available to Lloyd's to meet the personal underwriting liabilities of P C Frey for underwriting years in run-off commencing prior to 1 January 1998, where applicable.

P C Frey is the beneficial owner of the company's share. This individual is also a shareholder in Nomina plc.

Mr J.R.H. Evans, a director of the company, is also a director of Nomina plc which administers the conversion scheme in which the company participates. Nomina plc charges a fixed management fee of £2,250 (2002: £2,250) to cover all the costs of basic administration of the company.

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16 Syndicates

The principal syndicates or members' agent pooling arrangements ("MAPA") in which the company participates as an underwriting member are as follows:

Syndicate or MAPA Number:	Managing Agent	2004 Allocated Capacity £	2003 Allocated Capacity £	2002 Allocated capacity £	2001 Allocated Capacity £
7071	Members' Agents Pooling Arrangement			302,500	275,000
7200	Members' Agents Pooling Arrangement	40,043	37,812		
7201	Members' Agents Pooling Arrangement	212,455	186,038		
7202	Members' Agents Pooling Arrangement	86,515	78,650		