

COMPANY NO:3633101

Holdings Technology UK Limited

Annual Report

Year ended 30 November 2003



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Company Information

Directors	R W Weinreich M McKemmie
Secretary	M McKemmie
Registered office	Northway House 1379 High Road Whetstone London N20 9LP
Registered number	3633101
Auditors	RSM Robson Rhodes LLP Chartered Accountants Daedalus House Station Road Cambridge CB1 2RE
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Fortis Bank S.A./N.V.

Report of the Directors

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2003.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is to provide specialised materials, equipment and services for the electronics and telecommunications industries.

Business review and future developments

There was some pick up in activity in the UK PCB industry during 2003. This led to a 22.5% increase in turnover to £3,906,000. Continued price pressures and payment delays have made for difficult conditions, causing the failure of one competitor and the withdrawal from the market of another. The directors are hopeful that the increased activity during 2003 will continue in 2004.

Results and dividends

The company made a profit on ordinary activities after taxation of £615,000 (2002: loss of £55,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2002: £Nil).

Single European currency

The company continues its policy of considering and when appropriate reducing, its exposure to potential major currency fluctuations. The euro for the moment is considered as any other major currency.

Directors

The directors currently holding office are listed on page 1. All of the directors served throughout the year. The directors had no interest in the share capital of the company at the period end. Where the directors of the company are directors of the holding company any interests in the share capital of the holding company are disclosed in the accounts of that company. M McKemmie had no interests in the share capital of the holding company.

Statement of directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

Company law in the United Kingdom 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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, 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 United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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 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

On 3 May 2003, RSM Robson Rhodes, transferred their business to RSM Robson Rhodes LLP. The directors have consented to treating the appointment of RSM Robson Rhodes as expanding to RSM Robson Rhodes LLP and a resolution to reappoint RSM Robson Rhodes LLP as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 9 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by:



R W Weinreich
Director

Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Holders Technology UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 13.

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 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 shareholders 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.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with the relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the 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 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 affairs of the company as at 30 November 2003 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



RSM Robson Rhodes LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Cambridge, England
9 March 2004

Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 30 November 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Turnover - continuing operations	2	3,906	3,189
Cost of sales		(2,866)	(2,437)
Gross profit		1,040	752
Distribution costs		(59)	(53)
Administrative expenses		(528)	(702)
Exceptional items – provisions against group balances	5	286	(119)
Other operating income		9	32
Operating profit / (loss) - continuing operations	6	748	(90)
Interest receivable		25	40
Interest payable	7	(4)	-
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		769	(50)
Tax on profit / (loss) on ordinary activities	8	(154)	(5)
Profit / (loss) for the year		615	(55)

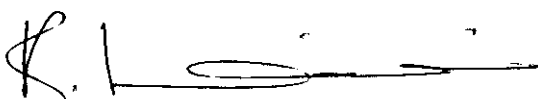
There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those reported above.

Balance Sheet

At 30 November 2003

	Note	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	9	226	238
Current assets			
Stocks	10	469	398
Debtors	11	1,308	1,026
Cash at bank and in hand		102	92
		1,879	1,516
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(983)	(1,247)
Net current assets		896	269
Net assets		1,122	507
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	100	100
Profit and loss account	15	1,022	407
Equity shareholders' funds	16	1,122	507

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 9 March 2004 and signed on its behalf by:



R W Weinreich
Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

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1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

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

Turnover

Turnover comprises amounts invoiced during the year for goods and services supplied to third parties net of value added tax.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off assets by equal instalments over their expected useful lives. Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to the recoverable amount. Depreciation is calculated at the following rates:

Leasehold buildings	- over the period of the lease
Motor vehicles	- 20% on written down value
Plant and machinery	- 20% - 33% on written down value
Office equipment	- 25% on cost

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value. Cost is determined on a first-in first-out basis. Net realisable value is based on the estimated sales price after allowing for all further costs of completion and disposal.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. The company and certain subsidiaries are able to relieve their taxable losses by surrendering them where capacity to utilise losses exists. Such losses will be paid for by the recipient company at that company's marginal rate of tax. Full provision for deferred taxation is made without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless such provision is not permitted by FRS 19.

Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the periods of the leases.

Assets held under finance leases are included in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation in accordance with the company's normal accounting policies. The present value of future rentals is shown as a liability. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease in proportion to the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at each period-end. All other currency differences are taken to the profit and loss account. Profits and losses on forward exchange contracts are recognised when the contracts mature.

Research expenditure

Expenditure on pure and applied research is written off in the year it is incurred.

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt from publishing a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Holders Technology plc, which publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

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2. Turnover

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is as follows:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
United Kingdom	3,638	2,986
Rest of Europe	267	188
Rest of World	1	15
	3,906	3,189

3. Employees

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Wages and salaries	227	268
Social security costs	21	23
Other pension costs	2	2
	250	293

Other pension costs represent company contributions to certain employees' stakeholder pension plans.

Average monthly number of employees, including directors

	2003 No	2002 No.
Administration and sales	3	5
Service and fabrication	8	10
	11	15
Part-time	2	1
	13	16

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4. Directors

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Emoluments	39	39
Pension costs	1	1
	40	40

R W Weinreich is the Chairman of Holders Technology plc, the parent company and is remunerated by that company in recognition of his overall services to the group.

5. Exceptional Items

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Provision against balance due from group undertaking	-	119
Release of provision against balances due from group undertakings.	(286)	-
	(286)	119

The provisions against balances due from group undertaking relate to balances due from Justfone Limited. During the year, the parent company disposed of its interest in Justfone Limited. As part of the transaction, the amounts due to the company were settled and consequently the provisions made were reversed.

6. Operating Profit / (Loss)

Operating profit / (loss) is stated after charging / (crediting):

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	62	77
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed asset	(1)	-
Operating leases - land buildings	51	50
Exchange differences	(9)	(32)
Auditors remuneration	9	9

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7. Interest Payable

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Bank overdraft	4	-

8. Taxation

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
United Kingdom corporation tax		
Current tax on income for the year at 30% (2002: 30%)	142	26
Adjustment in respect of prior year	12	(17)
Current taxation	154	9
Deferred taxation	-	(4)
Taxation charge for the year	154	5

Current taxation reconciliation

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	769	(50)
Theoretical tax at UK corporation tax rate of 30%	231	(15)
Effects of:		
Accelerated capital allowances	(3)	5
Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	(86)	36
Adjustments in respect of prior years	12	(17)
	154	9

The company paid £85,000 (2002: £26,000) to fellow group subsidiaries for taxation losses of £283,000 (2002: £86,000). The exceptional operating items (note 5) in relation to a balance due from a group undertaking are deemed disallowable for tax purposes.

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9. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Leasehold land and buildings £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Plant and machinery £'000	Office equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost					
At 1 December 2002	94	61	490	116	761
Additions	-	9	50	1	60
Disposals	-	(22)	(11)	-	(33)
At 30 November 2003	94	48	529	117	788
Depreciation					
At 1 December 2002	31	38	355	99	523
Provided in year	9	5	42	6	62
Disposals	-	(16)	(7)	-	(23)
At 30 November 2003	40	27	390	105	562
Net book value					
At 30 November 2003	54	21	139	12	226
At 30 November 2002	63	23	135	17	238

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes £nil (2002: £nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases. Depreciation charged in the year on those assets amounted to £nil (2002: £5,000).

10. Stocks

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Goods for resale	469	398

The replacement cost of the above stocks would not be significantly different from the values stated.

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11. Debtors

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Trade debtors	997	721
Amounts due from group undertakings	159	264
Amounts due from associate undertaking	141	-
Other debtors	11	41
	1,308	1,026

12. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Trade creditors	248	270
Amounts due to group undertakings	553	877
Corporation tax	70	10
Other taxation and social security	31	17
Accruals	81	73
	983	1,247

13. Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation comprises the following (assets) / liabilities:

	Amounts provided		Amounts not provided	
	2003 £'000	2002 £'000	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	-	1	-	-
Other timing differences	-	(1)	-	(85)
	-	-	-	(85)

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14. Share capital

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Authorised		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100
Allotted and fully paid		
100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100

15. Reserves

	Profit and loss account £ '000
At 1 December 2002	407
Retained profit for the financial year	615
At 30 November 2003	1,022

16. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Profit / (loss) for the financial year	615	(55)
Opening shareholders' funds	507	562
Closing shareholders' funds	1,122	507

17. Financial Commitments

Operating lease commitments

The annual commitments under operating leases are as follows:

	2003 £'000	2002 £'000
Land and buildings, leases expiring within one to five years	51	51

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18. Related Party Transactions

The company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in relation to transactions with group companies that are 90% or more owned by the parent company.

During the year the company provided £nil (2002: £130,000) to Justfone Limited to assist with the management of working capital. Justfone Limited surrendered taxation losses of £140,000 (2002: £87,000) to the company for £42,000 (2002: £26,000) consideration. Interest of £9,000 (2002: £15,000) was charged to Justfone Limited in respect of the total balance owing to the company.

At 30 November 2003 a total net amount of £nil (2002: £286,000) was due to the company. The company has released the entire provision made of £286,000 (2002: provision charged of £119,000) against the amount due from Justfone Limited. The total provision made at 30 November 2003 is £nil (2002: £286,000).

Justfone Limited was a related party during the year due to it being an 81% owned subsidiary of Holders Technology plc.

19. Contingent liabilities

The company is party to a multi-lateral guarantee between the parent company and the other main trading subsidiaries.

20. Parent Company and Controlling party

The parent company is Holders Technology plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales. It is situated at the address shown on page 1 and its financial statements may be obtained from Companies House in Cardiff.

In the opinion of the directors, R W Weinreich is the ultimate controlling party by virtue of his shareholding in the parent company.