Statement on behalf of the Board

I am pleased to report good progress in the six months to 31 August 2004. Net Assets per share increased from £1.01 at 29 February 2004 to £1.12 at 31 August 2004.

As is to be expected, some investees have experienced problems of various sorts, but others, including especially Im-Pak, Insense, Inaplex, Ixaris, Warwick Effect Polymers and Caretek Medical have made good progress.

The Board remains pleased with the overall development of the portfolio.

On behalf of the Board John Jackson Chairman

Unaudited Financial Information

Summarised Statement of Total Return for the Period	Six months 1 Mar 04 to 31 Aug 04 £'000	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03 £'000	Year 1 Mar 03 to 29 Feb 04 £'000
Gain on investments	652	165	280
Income	33	57	91
Expenses	(81)	(65)	(157)
Net return before taxation Tax on ordinary activities	604	157	214
Return attributable to equity shareh	olders 604	157	214
Dividends in respect of equity share		-	-
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Transfers to reserves	604	157	214
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Revenue loss per share	(0.89)p	(0.16)p	(1.24)p
Capital return per share	12.05p	3.15p	5.26p
Total return per ordinary share	11.16p ====	2.99p ====	4.02p ====

Summarised Balance Sheet	31 Aug 04 £'000	31 Aug 03 £'000	29 Feb 04 £'000
Unquoted investments	4,463	2,397	3,604
Government stocks	-	2,513	1,304
Other net current assets	1,590	464	541
Net assets	6,053	5,374	5,449
Capital and Reserves	====	====	====
Called up share capital	541	540	541
Share premium: Share issues	4,900	4,856	4,900
Expenses on share issues	(242)	(215)	(242)
	5,199	5,181	5,199
Capital reserve - realised	(4)	-	-
unrealised	986	215	330
Revenue reserve	(128)	(22)	(80)
	6,053	5,374	5,449
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Net asset value per share	112p	100p	101p
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Cash Flow Statement	====	====	====
Cash Flow Statement for the Period	==== Six months	==== Six months	==== Year
	Six months 1 Mar 04 to 31 Aug 04	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03	Year 1 Mar 03 to 29 Feb 04
for the Period	Six months 1 Mar 04	Six months 1 Mar 03	Year 1 Mar 03
for the Period Net cash (outflow) / inflow	Six months 1 Mar 04 to 31 Aug 04 £'000	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03 £'000	Year 1 Mar 03 to 29 Feb 04 £'000
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	Six months 1 Mar 04 to 31 Aug 04 £'000	Six months 1 Mar 03 to 31 Aug 03	Year 1 Mar 03 to 29 Feb 04
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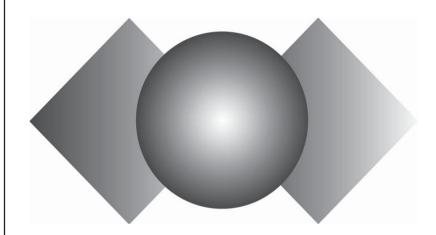
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Notes to the Unaudited Financial Information on pages 2 and 3

- 1 The financial information for each of the interim periods ended 31 August 2004 and 31 August 2003 is unaudited and does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985. It has been prepared using accounting policies consistent with those set out in the company's statutory accounts for the year ending 29 February 2004. The financial information for the year ended 29 February 2004 has been extracted from the company's statutory accounts for that period which contained an unqualified audit report and which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.
- 2 The calculation of earnings per share for the period is based on the return attributable to shareholders divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.
- 3 Listed investments are stated at market value based upon middle market prices at the accounting period end. The unrealised depreciation or appreciation on the valuation of investments and the gains and losses arising on the disposal of investments are dealt with in the capital reserve.
- 4 Copies of the Interim Statement are being sent to shareholders and further copies can be obtained from the Company's Registered Office.

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Interim Statement

For the period 1 March 2004 to 31 August 2004