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Office of International Corporate Finance  
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Washington  
D.C. 20549



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Dear Sir

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**Re: Sage Group Limited – File No. 82-4241  
Submission Pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) Under the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

We refer to the above and enclose a copy of Sage Group Limited's results for the year ended 31 December 2003.

Please acknowledge receipt of this by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to ourselves.

A stamped return envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Yours sincerely

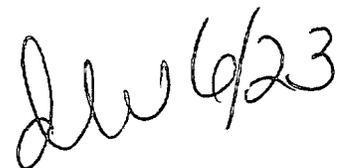
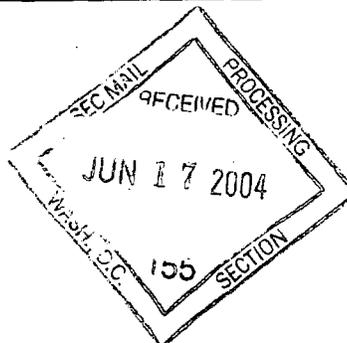


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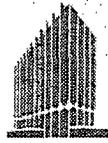
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**SAGE GROUP LIMITED**



# SAGE GROUP LIMITED

## Results for the year ended 31 December 2003

- SA business stabilised despite a difficult year
- Return to profitability following restructuring and rationalisation
- New business impacted, but significant second half improvement
- Positive impact from good investment performance
- Balance sheet strengthened
- Strategic review completed as a base for profitable growth

### Financial highlights

		12 months 31 December 2003 Audited	9 months 31 December 2002 Audited
Total earnings/(loss)	Rm	74,6	(239,5)
Total earnings/(loss) per share	cents	28,7	(159,8)
Headline earnings/(loss)	Rm	61,2	(48,0)
Headline earnings/(loss) per share	cents	23,5	(32,0)
Average number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares)	million	260,0	149,8
Sage Life embedded value	Rm	1 341,9	1 331,7
Group embedded value	Rm	804,4	573,9
Group embedded value per share	cents	222	370
Total number of shares in issue (excluding treasury shares)	million	362,3	155,0
Debt at Group level	Rm	500,4	757,2
CAR – Sage Life	times	2,15	1,53
<b>SA activities</b>			
– Total assets under management	Rm	10 566,5	9 975,3
– New business volumes <sup>(1)</sup>	Rm	1 338,7	1 823,5
– Life new business APE <sup>(2)</sup>	Rm	329,3	336,2

1 New business volumes: total life new business plus external unit trust sales.

2 APE: Annual Premium Equivalent – equal to new recurring premiums (including automatic increase premiums) plus 10% of single premiums.

The preliminary report, as published on SENS, is available at [www.sage.co.za](http://www.sage.co.za). The annual financial statements of Sage Group Limited and Sage Life Limited will be available on the website by Friday 19 March 2004.

The Sage Group Limited annual report will be posted to shareholders on 31 March 2004.

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[www.sage.co.za](http://www.sage.co.za)

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