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Dear Sirs

Information pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) - FILE NUMBER 82-34701

I enclose for filing certain public information for the period 21st October 2004 to 13th December 2004 relating to Boots Group PLC Company Number 4452715.

Regulatory press announcements made by Boots Group PLC since 21st October 2004 to the 13th December 2004.

- 1. Announcement dated 21st October 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 2. Announcement dated 22nd October 2004 regarding FRN Variable Rate Fix
- 3. Announcement dated 25th October 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 4. Announcement dated 28th October 2004 regarding Interim Results
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- 10. Announcement dated 3rd November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
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- 12. Announcement dated 5th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 13. Announcement dated 8th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 14. Announcement dated 9th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 15. Announcement dated 10th November 2004 regarding Director Shareholding
- 16. Announcement dated 10th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 17. Announcement dated 12th November 2004 regarding in Shares

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- 18. Announcement dated 15th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 19. Announcement dated 16th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 20. Announcement dated 17th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
- 21. Announcement dated 18th November 2004 regarding Transaction in Own Shares
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Documents filed by Boots Group PLC with the Registrar of Companies from 15th November 2004 to the 9th December 2004.

- 1. Three forms 169 in respect of Returns by a company purchasing its own shares (filed 15.11.04)
- 2. Three forms 169 in respect of Returns by a company purchasing its own shares (filed 9.12.04)

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the envelope provided.

Should there be any queries, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

CHRIS WELLS

Company Secretarial Assistant



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Company Secretarial Assistant

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Blocklisting Interim Review

Released

11:32 13-Dec-04

Number

3205G

SCHEDULE 5

BLOCKLIS" VG SIX MONTHLY RETURN

To:

Listing Applications

UK Listing Authority

Financial Services Authority

25, The North Colonnade

Canary Wharf

London, E14 5HS

Please ensure e entries on this return are typed

1. Name of company

BOOTS GROUP PLC

2. Name of scheme

EXECUTIVE SHARE OPTION HEME

3. Period of return:

From 01.06.04 To 30.11.04

4. Number and class of shares scheme

(amount of stock / debt security) not issued under

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	937,500	ordinary	shares	of 25p	each
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5. Number of shares issued / allotted under sch	ieme aurina	ı period:
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353,996

6. Balance under scheme not yet issued / allotted at end of period

583,504

7. Number and class of share(s) (amount of stock / debt securities) originally listed and the date of admission;

1,000,000 ordinary shares of 25p each. 9th May 2003.

Please confirm total number of shares in issue at the end of the period in order for us to update our records

740,796,593

Contact for queries

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Sonia Fennell, Assistant Company Secretary

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:21 10-Dec-04

Number

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10th December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 10th December 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 200,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 635.412p per ordinary share.

END

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:31 09-Dec-04

Number

2485G

9th December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 9th December 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 150,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 637.778p per ordinary share.

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16:58 08-Dec-04

Number

1867G

8th December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 8th December 2004, Boots Group ⁵LC acquired 200,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 6.11.111p per ordinary share.

END

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Boots Group PLC

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:14 06-Dec-04

Number

0820G

6th December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 6th December 2004, Boots Group LC acquired 200,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 6-2-194p per ordinary share.

END

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Boots Group PLC

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Headline

Director Shareholding

Released

13:35 06-Dec-04

Number

0590G

On 6th December 2004, Boots (Quest) Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boots Group PLC ("the Company"), acting on behalf of The Boots Qualifying Employee Share Trust ("the Trust") transferred 41,239 ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company to employees who had exercised SAYE share options, at an average price of £6.18. This represents approximately 0.0055% of the current issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

The Trust is a discretionary trust for the benefit of employees and executive directors of the Company and is operated in connection with the Company's UK allemployee SAYE Share Option Scheme. Each executive director of the Company, as a potential beneficiary of the Trust is deemed to have an interest in the shares acquired by the Trust. The directors in question are: Mr. R. Baker, Mr. P. Bateman, and Mr. H. Dodd.

As a result of the transfer referred to above the number of shares held by the Trust in which they are deemed to be interested has reduced by 41,239.

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Director Shareholding 14:38 03-Dec-04

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BOOTS GROUP PLC

3rd December 2004

NOTIFICATION OF DIRECTORS INTERESTS

As at 3rd December 2004, the number of ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company held by Boots Share Plan Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boots Group PLC ("the Company"), has decreased by 99,729 as a result of purchases, sales and transfers by participants of rights under the All-Employee Share Scheme 2002. This includes purchases settled on 28th September 2004 and 26th October 2004 under the Share Investment Plan of the All-Employee Share Scheme; of 20,543 shares at a price of 667p per share and 19,658 shares at a price of .665.5p per share respectively. This represents approximately 0.013% of the current issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

The Trust is a discretionary trust for the benefit of employees and executive directors of the Company. Each executive director of the Company, as a potential beneficiary of the Trust, is deemed to have an interest in the free shares held by the Trust for the Free Shares Scheme. The directors in question are: Mr R Baker, Mr P Bateman and Mr H Dodd.

As result of the movements referred to above the number of shares held by the Trust has fallen to 4,666,856 representing approximately 0.63% of the current issued ordinary share capital of the Company. The number of shares the directors are deemed to be interested in is 4,078,993.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:52 02-Dec-04

Number

9687F

2nd December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 2nd December 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 100,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 638.43p per ordinary share.

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Released

17:00 01-Dec-04

Number

9011F

1st December 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 1st December 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 300,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 627.92p per ordinary share.

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Number

16:55 30-Nov-04 8419F

30th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 30th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 250,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 628.755p per ordinary share.

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Released

16:56 26-Nov-04

Number

7272F

26th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 26th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 50,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 630.86p per ordinary share.

END

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:02 24-Nov-04

Number

6178F

24th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 24th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 100,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 629.222p per ordinary share.

END

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Released

17:50 23-Nov-04

Number

5717F

23rd November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 23rd November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 150,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 633.132p per ordinary share.

END

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Director Shareholding

Released

11:17 23-Nov-04

Number

5378F

SCHEDULE 11

NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

1) Name of company

Boots Group PLC

2) Name of directors

Paul BATEMAN

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a non-beneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

Director named in 2

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

Held in trust by Boots Share Plan Trustees Limited

5) Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the Director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

Director

6) Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

Purchase of shares under Share Investment Plan

7) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

19

8) Percentage of issued class

Minimal

9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

Nil

10). Percentage of issued class

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11) Class of security	
Ordinary Shares of 25p each	
12) Price per share	
637p	
13) Date of transaction	
18 th November 2004	
14) Date company informed	
23 rd November 2004 (Notified by Administrators)	
15) Total holding following this notification	
179,644	
16) Total percentage holding of issued class f	owing this notification
0.024%	
If a director has been granted options by the c following boxes	pamy please complete the
17) Date of grant	
18) Period during which or date on which exerci.	:19
19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the	₫Elon
20) Description of shares or debentures involve	islass, number
21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) . is to be fixed at time of exercise	Endication that price
22) Total number of shares or debentures over w	r otions held
following this notification	
23) Any additional information	
24) Name of contrast and telephone number of the	٠
24) Name of contact and telephone number for questions. Sonia Fennell	
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25) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification

Sonia Fennell, Assistant Company Secretary

Date of Notification....23^{EG} November 2004......

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Purchase of shares under Share Investment Plan

7) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

20

8) Percentage of issued class

Minimal

9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

Nil

10) Percentage of issued class

11) Class of security Ordinary Shares of 25p each 12) Price per share 637p 13) Date of transaction 18th November 2004 14) Date company informed 23rd November 2004 (Notified by Administrators) 15) Total holding following this notification 185,385 16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 0.024% If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes 17) Date of grant . . 18) Period during which or date on which exercisable 19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option 20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number 21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise 22) Total number of shares or depentures over which options held following this notification 23) Any additional information

24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries

Sonia Fennell

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Sonia Fennell, Assistant Company Secretary	
Date of Notification 23 rd November 2004	
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Boots Group PLC

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:44 22-Nov-04

Number

5144F

22nd November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 22nd November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 250,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 634.414p per ordinary share.

END

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:56 19-Nov-04

Number

4606F

19th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 19th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 150,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 633.604p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released Number

17:13 18-Nov-04 4153F

18th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 18th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 100,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 636.25p per ordinary share.

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Number

3644F

17th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 17th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 500,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 643.98p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:59 16-Nov-04

Number

3095F

16th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 16th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 350,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 652.300p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:01 15-Nov-04

Number

2540F

15th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 15th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 600,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 655.4342p per ordinary share.

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Released Number

16:50 12-Nov-04 2016F

12th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 12th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 200,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 665.5229p per ordinary share.

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Headline Released

16:54 10-Nov-04

Number

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10th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 10th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 485,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 656.757p per ordinary share.

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Boots Group PLC

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Headline

Director Shareholding

Released

14:32 10-Nov-04

Number

0844F

On 10th November 2004, Boots (Quest) Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boots Group PLC ("the Company"), acting on behalf of The Boots Qualifying Employee Share Trust ("the Trust") transferred 32,244 ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company to employees who had exercised SAYE share options, at an average price of £6.15. This represents approximately 0.0043% of the current issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

The Trust is a discretionary trust for the benefit of employees and executive directors of the Company and is operated in connection with the Company's UK all-employee SAYE Share Option Scheme. Each executive director of the Company, as a potential beneficiar / of the Trust is deemed to have an interest in the shares acquired by the Trust. The directors in question are: Mr. R. Baker, Mr. P. Bateman, and Mr. H. Dodd.

As a result of the transfer referred to above the number of shares held by the Trust in which they are deemed to be interested has reduced by 32,244.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:35 09-Nov-04

Number

0505F

9th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 9th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 400,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 661.3325p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:35 08-Nov-04

Number

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8th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 8th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 200,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 666.5p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:53 05-Nov-04

Number

9409E

5th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 5th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 450,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 669.8096p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:58 04-Nov-04

Number

8879E

4th November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 4th November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 500,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 664.99p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

16:52 03-Nov-04

Number

8338E

3rd November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 3rd November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 500,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 662.5776p per ordinary share.

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Transaction in Own Shares

Released

17:13 02-Nov-04

Number

7788E

2nd November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 2nd November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 350,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 669.3543p per ordinary share.

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Headline Released Transaction in Own Shares 17:01 01-Nov-04

Number

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1st November 2004

BOOTS GROUP PLC SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAMME

On 1st November 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 300,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 665.4p per ordinary share.

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Director Shareholding

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15:25 01-Nov-04

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On 29th October 2004, Boots (Quest) Trustee Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Boots Group PLC ("the Company"), acting on behalf of The Boots Qualifying Employee Share Trust ("the Trust") transferred 49,320 ordinary shares of 25p each in the Company to employees who had exercised SAYE share options, at an average price of £6.19. This represents approximately 0.065% of the current issued ordinary share capital of the Company.

The Trust is a discretionary trust for the benefit of employees and executive directors of the Company and is operated in connection with the Company's UK all-employee SAYE Share Option Scheme. Each executive director of the Company; as a potential beneficiary of the Trust is deemed to have an interest in the shares acquired by the Trust. The directors in question are: Mr. R. Baker, Mr. P. Bateman, and Mr. H. Dodd.

As a result of the transfer referred to above the number of shares held by the Trust in which they are deemed to be interested has reduced by 49,320.

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NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS AND CONNECTED PERSONS

1) Name of company

Boots Group PLC

2) Name of directors

Paul BATEMAN

3) Please state whether notification indicates that it is in respect of holding of the shareholder named in 2 above or in respect of a nonbeneficial interest or in the case of an individual holder if it is a holding of that person's spouse or children under the age of 18 or in respect of a non-beneficial interest

Director named in 2

4) Name of the registered holder(s) and, if more than one holder, the number of shares held by each of them (if notified)

Held in trust by Boots Share Plan Trustees Limited

5) Please state whether notification relates to a person(s) connected with the Director named in 2 above and identify the connected person(s)

Director

6) Please state the nature of the transaction. For PEP transactions please indicate whether general/single co PEP and if discretionary/non discretionary

Purchase of shares under Share Investment Plan

7) Number of shares/amount of stock acquired

8) Percentage of issued class

Minimal

9) Number of shares/amount of stock disposed

Nil

10) Percentage of issued class

11) Class of security Ordinary Shares of 25p each 12) Price per share 665.5p 13) Date of transaction 19th October 2004 14) Date company informed 29th October 2004 (Notified by Administrators) 15) Total holding following this notification 179,625 16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification 0.024% If a director has been granted options by the company please complete the following boxes 17) Date of grant 18) Period during which or date on which exercisable 19) Total amount paid (if any) for grant of the option 20) Description of shares or debentures involved: class, number 21) Exercise price (if fixed at time of grant) or indication that price is to be fixed at time of exercise 22) Total number of shares or debentures over which options held following this notification 23) Any additional information 24) Name of contact and telephone number for queries Sonia Fennell

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25) Name and signature of authorised company official responsible for making this notification
Sonia Fennell, Assistant Company Secretary
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	12) Price per share
	665.5p
	13) Date of transaction
	19 th October 2004
	14) Date company informed
	29 th October 2004 (Notified by Administrators)
	15) Total holding following this notification
	185,365
	16) Total percentage holding of issued class following this notification
	0.024%
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2004/5 INTERIM DIVIDEND TIMETABLE

The ex dividend date for the 2004/5 interim dividend is 3rd November 2004, and not 19th November 2004 as stated in this morning's interim results news release.

The interim dividend timetable will be as follows:-

Ex dividend date

3rd November 2004

Record date

5th November 2004

Payment date

21st January 2005

Please note that all applications to join the Dividend Reinvestment Plan or amend existing instructions under it must be received by the company's registrars by 17.00 hours GMT on 30th December 2004 if they are to apply to this interim dividend.

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INTERIM RESULTS TO 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

- Boots The Chemists sales growth 4.9%, 3.8% like for like, with volumes up 6.8%
- Boots Healthcare International sales up 4.8% in local currency with growth from all major brands
- Operating profit before exceptional items down 23.6% to £204.5m
- £52m increase in group capital expenditure to £140m
- 22% reduction in pre-exceptional earnings per share to 18.1p (23.1p)
- 9.1p interim dividend up 3.4%
- £178m returned to shareholders through share buyback and on track to deliver £350m by year end

Modern, Competitive & Efficient

- Significantly improved accessibility for customers through an increase in overall opening hours and 20 new stores contributing to 4% growth in customer footfall.
- Improving value for money with 3,300 lines now at significantly lower prices.
- On track with headcount reduction, systems replacement and supply chain enhancement programmes.

Richard Baker, Chief Executive commented:

"This is a demanding year of change and investment. We have made progress with customers responding positively and sales growth continuing. The actions we are taking have impacted profit, but are necessary to deliver a sustainable long-term return for shareholders."

Boots The Chemists - Strong Underlying Sales Growth

Boots The Chemists (BTC) sales increased by 4.9% to £2.17bn (last year £2.07bn) with like for like growth of 3.8%. Volume growth was 6.8%, of which 1.4% came from new stores. Longer opening hours contributed over 1% to growth. The poor summer for seasonal items is estimated to have reduced sales growth by approximately 0.5%.

Overall price deflation was 4.9%, up from the average of recent years due to significant investment in BTC's 'Lower Prices You'll Love' campaign. Customers' baskets have reflected trading up, increasing sales by 3.0%. Footfall was up by 4% compared to a year ago.

'Lower Prices You'll Love' is concentrated in the most price sensitive categories of toiletries, over the counter medicines and Baby. Total sales growth in these areas was 3.6% despite substantial price deflation of 9%, which was offset by a strong volume increase, 8.7%, and a positive mix of 4%.

Transactions in the half were up 5.4% (4.1% like for like). Average transaction value was £8.57, down 0.3%. This contrasts with performance over recent years where falling transaction numbers had been offset by average transaction growth.

Sales and Growth Rates by Category

	Q1		Ç	22	Half Year		
	Total	LFL	Total	$_{ m LFL}$	Actual	Total	LFL
	o; o	0.	g,	Q D	£m	g.	o;o
Health	6.7	6.3	5.7	5.3	932.2	6.2	5.8
Beauty and Toiletries	4.6	3.0	3.6	1.9	893.5	4.1	2.5
Lifestyle .	4.0	2.5	2.5	0.9	. 345.4	3.2	1.6
Total	5.4	4.4	4.3	3.2	2,171.1	4.9	3.8

Healthcare

Dispensary sales were up 6.6%, volumes were up 5.0% and average item value increased by 1.6%. Work to provide a better dispensing service to our customers has started to increase the number of prescriptions filled.

The Prescription Collection Service grew by 18% and now represents over one fifth of prescriptions. 68 dispensaries were refurbished in the six months and 'Smartscript' was implemented in a further 312 stores so that over 60% of stores now have the new system. Volume growth has seen an improving trend through the period as these initiatives came through and during August and September is believed to be above market levels.

Sales of over the counter medicines were up 5.5% driven by growth in Vitamins and Supplements and Footcare. Sales of hayfever medicines were lower than anticipated due to the short hayfever season this year.

Beauty and Toiletries

Beauty and Toiletries sales increased by 4.1% due to new products, the combination of lower prices and strong promotions in toiletries and promotional activity in Fragrances and No 7 cosmetics and skincare.

Premium cosmetics sales grew by 9% and fragrance sales were up 11% resulting in continued growth in market share. The strong position in Fragrance and Cosmetics was improved by extended distribution as part of beauty hall refits in larger stores.

Toiletries sales were up by 1.7% despite average prices 12% lower than a year ago. This was the result of lower prices as part of Boots 'Lower Prices You'll

Love' and strong promotions. Although the poor summer weather impacted the market for suncare products, a substantially improved product offer resulted in share gains.

Lifestyle

Sales in Lifestyle categories were up 3.2% overall. Baby and Food categories have seen strong growth but the impact of the Photo market decline is still negative. Baby sales were up 5.9% helped by revised ranges. Food sales were up 8.9%. Photo sales were down 7.4% but lower prices have driven an increase in market share. Digital processing continues to grow and during the period 92 stores were upgraded to provide full digital lab services. In addition, 1,300 instant print digital kiosks have been installed in over 1,100 stores.

Significant progress in programmes to make Boots more modern, competitive and efficient

Modern

Extended opening hours. To provide greater convenience for customers, opening hours have been extended across almost all stores and there are now 800 stores open on Sunday, over 200 more than last year. Overall trading hours increased substantially, contributing over 1% to sales growth.

New stores. 20 new stores were opened during the period and 12 closed as the portfolio is adjusted to better reflect customers' needs. Seven new Edge of Town stores were opened adding 1% to space. Boots also completed the purchase of five Frost Chemist stores in the West Midlands.

Investment in existing shops. 246 of the largest stores saw improvements to their customer offer, including 20 stores fitted with new beauty halls, extra space created for extended ranges in Baby and Photo and over 100 new perfume display units installed. Plans are underway to refurbish major stores in Bluewater, High Street Kensington, Metro Centre, Cardiff and Edinburgh.

Over 1,000 stores now have new tills and the replacement programme is on track to be completed by the end of the current financial year.

Competitive

Products only available at Boots give customers additional reasons to visit. Major relaunches of Soltan sun products and Shapers lunchtime food have already proved successful. The introduction of the Boots Basics range of toiletries, baby and dental products has widened customer choice and, encouragingly, customers are trading up on subsequent visits.

Improved value for money has contributed to strong volume growth of almost 9% in the most price sensitive categories.

Efficient

All the major change programmes to make Boots more efficient are on track. The 'Getting in Shape' programme has so far reduced headcount in manufacturing and Head Office by over 1,600.

Supply chain changes have progressed well with all warehouses and distribution centres now on much more efficient six day working and delivery to stores. 70% of lines can now be delivered in singles which will reduce store workload and stock holding.

Essential system replacement has seen key implementation phases completed (Merchandising, HR and Finance). The next major element encompasses merchandise management in the New Year.

There has been some disruption during the summer due to the changes being made and these impacted on-shelf availability in some areas. In the short term this has been addressed by increased stock holding which is expected to reverse in the second half.

Operating Profit

At the preliminary results in May, plans to invest in modernising the business and an expected increase in the pension charge were described. It was anticipated that the overall impact would reduce operating margins in the year by around one percent.

Gross margin was down 180 bps, a greater decline than that expected for the full year, due to the phasing of 'Lower Prices You'll Love' price reductions, the clearance of seasonal merchandise and some higher promotional uplifts.

Operating cost growth in the first six months was 11% against expectations for the full year of a cost increase of around 6%. This is due to the phasing between the first and second half of costs and Getting in Shape benefits.

Operating profit in the first half at £207.1m, down 24%, reflects this.

Full Year Guidance

Guidance for the full year remains unchanged.

Boots Healthcare International

Sales were £244m (£242m last year) up 4.8% in local currency. The strength of sterling reduced translated sales by 3.8%.

	Q	Q1		Q2		Half Year	
	Total	Comp	Total	Comp	Actual	Total	Comp
	g.o	0	o. o	g D	£m	0.0	o,o
Sales	0.1	3.5	1.8	5.8	244.4	1.0	4.8

Nurofen sales were up 7.1% with particularly strong growth in Australia due to the switch to the general sales list. Clearasil was up 2.5% against a strong comparative in the US. Japanese sales fell 50% due to problems with a distributor. Strepsils sales increased by 6.7% led by continental Europe and Asia.

New product introductions have performed well including Clearasil for Men, Clearasil Ultra and Nurofen Backpain. More launches are planned in the second half.

Operating profit increased by 6.5% to £37.9m and by 9.5% on a comparable basis.

Boots Opticians

Sales of £93.8m were down 7.6% on last year. Core optical sales of £92.7m were down 2.0%, materially impacted by both a weak market and the disruption from our decision in September to exit the remaining Wellbeing Services businesses. Boots

Opticians will now be integrated within Boots The Chemists which should provide synergy benefits and an improved customer offer.

	Q1	Q2	Half	Year
	Total	Total	Actual	Total
	Q.	a.o	£m	o;
Core optical sales	-2.6	-1.5	92.7	-2.0

Operating profit was down 61.4% to £1.5m.

Dentalcare and other discontinued operations

The intention to exit all remaining 'Services' businesses was announced in September. Dentalcare and LASIK have been sold to Optical Express. The businesses will transfer by the end of the year. The £55m cost of exit was charged as an exceptional item in the accounts in the first half.

Boots Retail International

Sales were up 27.8% (in local currency) to £24.9m.

Operating losses slightly lower at £(3.9)m.

	Ç	Q1		2	Half Year		
	· Total ·	Comp	· Total	Comp	'Actual '	Total	Comp
	g, o	0.0	g b	0,	£m	0	ò
Sales	30.1	39.3	5.6	17.8	24.9	17.1	27.8

Group and Other

In Group and Other year on year comparison of sales and costs is distorted by the sale of a development property last year. Excluding this effect sales were up 18% to £35m and underlying operating costs increased by £1m as a result of inflation. Net group costs were £31.9m.

The process of transferring production from Airdrie to other factories continued in the first half with the site due for closure in February 2005.

Financing and Share Buyback Programme

Free cash outflow for the period was £201.4m compared to an inflow of £28.3m last year reflecting lower operating profits, a higher investment in working capital, up £126m over the same period last year, and increased capital expenditure, up £52m.

The increase in working capital is accounted for by the store opening programme, extended ranges in larger stores, a bigger Christmas buy and the addition of buffer stocks in Boots The Chemists to protect against availability issues arising from the changes in the supply chain and IT change programmes. It is expected that stock will revert to normal levels by the end of the year.

£178m has been returned to shareholders in the period through the repurchase of 27 million shares.

An interim dividend up 3.4% to 9.1p per share is declared. This continues established policy to consistently grow the dividend.

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BOOTS GROUP PLC INTERIM RESULTS

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

		•		
	Notes	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 30.9.03 1 £m	
Turnover				
Turnover from continuing operations Discontinued operations3		2,553.5 20.9	2,478.6 18.9	5,288 38
Turnover: group and share of joint venture Less: share of joint venture's turnover	3	2,574.4	<u>-</u>	5,326 (1
Group turnover		2,573.5	2,496.9	5,325
Operating profit Operating profit from continuing operations		211.0	279.2	571
Discontinued operations		(6.2)		(20
Group operating profit Share of operating loss of joint venture		204.8	268.1	551
Total operating profit including joint venture	4	204.5	267.6	549
Profit on disposal of fixed assets Provision for loss on closure	5	2.6	14.6	32
of operations	5,11	(54.5)	-	3
Profit on ordinary activities before interest	4	152.6	282.2	586
Net interest and similar items	6	(6.0)	(0.5)	(5
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		146.6	281.7	580

Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(52.1)	(83.8)	(167
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Equity minority interests		94.5	197.9 (0.3)	413 (C
Profit attributable to shareholders Dividends	8	94.8 (67.3)	197.6 (67.9)	412 (226
Profit retained		27.5	129.7	186
Profit retained Basic earnings per share before		27.5	129.7	186
	9	27.5 	129.7 23.1p	186
Basic earnings per share before	9 9			
Basic earnings per share before exceptional items	-	18.1p	23.1p	48
Basic earnings per share before exceptional items Basic earnings per share	-	18.1p	23.1p	48
Basic earnings per share before exceptional items Basic earnings per share Diluted earnings per share	9	18.1p 12.7p	23.1p 25.0p	48 52

¹ Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue recognition, and FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

- 2 Restated on adoption of FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).
- 3 Discontinued operations includes : LASIK, Dentistry, Chiropody, and Laser · Hair Removal.

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

	6 months to 30.9.04	£m	12 months to 31.3.04 2 £m
Profit attributable to shareholders Currency translation differences on foreign currency net	94.8	197.6	412.4
investments	1.4	(0.3)	(14.8)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the			
period	96.2	197.3	397.6
Prior period adjustment (see note 1)	(0.2)		
Total recognised gains and losses	96.0		

NOTE ON HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

		6 months to 30.9.04 £m	6 months to 30.9.03 1 £m	12 months 31.3.
Reported profit on ordinary before taxation	activities	146.6	281.7	580
Realisation of property		-	10.3	15
revaluation surpluses Depreciation adjustment		0.5	0.6	1
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before				
taxation		147.1	292.6	596
Historical cost profit retained		28.0	140.6	202

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

	30.9.04	£m	31.3
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	96.2	197.3	39
Dividends	(67.3)	(67.9)	(22
New share capital issued (net	2.2	0.1	
of expenses)			
Exercise of options and charge for share scheme awards	8.0	7.0	1
Repurchase of shares	(178.4)	(160.0)	(25
Net decrease in shareholders' funds	(139.3)	(23.5)	(7
Opening shareholders' funds3	1,806.6	1,884.7	1,88
Closing shareholders' funds	1,667.3	1,861.2	1,80

¹ Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue recognition, and FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

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² Restated on adoption of FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

³ Originally £1,881.3m at 31st March 2004 before deducting prior year adjustment of £74.7m (see Note 1).

GROUP BALANCE SHEET

30th SEPTEMBER 2004

			At 30.9.04	At 30.9.03 1	
		-	£m	£m	£m
Fixed assets Intangible assets			286 3	297.0	281 5
-	4.3			1,519.7	
Investments			_	0.1	-
	-		1 000 5	1,816.8	1 700 0
			1,820.5		1,780.9
Current assets					• .
Stocks				788.9	
Debtors				724.2	
Investments and deposits			18.3	158.4	239.1
Cash at bank and in hand			76.3	33.2	110.5
			1.747 6	1.704.7	1,722.3
Creditors: amounts falling due	e within		(1,359.8)	(1,113.3)	(1,135.3)
one year					
Net current assets				591.4	
Total assets less current	· 		2,208.3	2,408.2	
liabilities Creditors: amounts falling due	. af+ar		(251.7)	(380.3)	(202 0)
more than one year	arcer		(331.7)	(300.3)	(302.9)
Provisions for liabilities and	i		(188.5)	(165.9)	(177.2)
charges					
Net assets	- -			1,862.0	
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			187.2	197.4	193.9
Share premium account			2.3	0.1	0.3
Own share reserve				(143.2)	
Revaluation reserve			243.7	249.4	244.2
Capital redemption reserve			22.0	11.7	15.2
Merger reserve			310.8	310.8	310.8
Profit and loss account			1,035.4	1,235.0	1,181.5
Equity shareholders' funds			1,667.3		1,806.6
Equity minority interests			0.8	0.8	1.2
			1,668.1	1,862.0	1,807.8

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² Restated on adoption of FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

INTERIM RESULTS

GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

		6 months to	6 months to	12 months
		30.9.04	30.9.03	31.3.
	Notes	£m	£m	
Cash (outflow)/inflow from	10	(3.1)	181.7	637
operating activities				
Returns on investment and		(11.5)	(20.5)	(22
servicing of finance				
Taxation		(59.6)	(87.1)	(166
Purchase of fixed assets		(140.1)	(88.3)	(194
Disposal of fixed assets		1.4	21.3	149
Exercise of share options		2.4	2.3	2
Acquisition of businesses	• *	(4.6)	(1.6)	(2
Equity dividends paid		(158.2)	· · ·	(229
Cash (outflow)/inflow before		(373.3)	(153.1)	175
use of liquid resources and financing				
Management of liquid		220.8	134.7	53
resources		•		
Financingl		(192.8)	(177.9)	(281
Decrease in cash in the period2		(345.3)	(196.3)	(52

¹ Financing includes repurchase of shares of £(181.1)m (6 months to 30th September 2003 £(167.3)m, 12 months to 31st March 2004 £(264.6)m). 2 Cash is defined as cash in hand and deposits repayable on demand, less overdrafts repayable on demand.

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT FOR THE HALF YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2004

	6 months to		
	30.9.04	30.9.03	31.3.04
	£m	£m	£m
Decrease in cash in the period	(345.3)	(196.3)	(52.3)
Cash inflow from change in liquid	(220.8)	(134.7)	(53.5)
resources			
Decrease in borrowings and lease	13.9	10.7	16.9
financing			
Movement in net debt resulting	(552.2)	(320.3)	(88.9)
from cash flows			
Finance lease additions	(1.5)	(2.1)	(4.2)
Currency and other non-cash	(2.0)	1.0	(3.9)
adjustments			

Movement in net debt during the period	(555.7)	(321.4)	(97.0)
Opening net debt	(148.5)	(51.5)	(51.5)
Closing net debt	(704.2)	(372.9)	(148.5)

Notes

1. Restatements

FRS5 - Application Note G Revenue Recognition Restatements.

For the year ended 31st March 2004, relevant financial statements have been restated in line with FRS5, Application Note G on revenue recognition. The effect of these changes for the 6 months to 30th September 2003 is to reduce turnover by £1.8m, and increase operating profit by £1.0m. As at 30th September 2003 reserves have been restated by £29.0m, an increase of £41.9m to creditors partially offset by the related deferred tax assets of £12.9m shown within provisions for liabilities and charges.

FRS20 and UITF38 - Accounting for Own Shares.

The introduction of FRS20 and UITF38 by the Accounting Standards Board has affected the treatment of fixed asset investments in own shares in the balance sheet and the P&L account.

A prior year adjustment as at 31st March 2004 has been made to reduce fixed asset investments by £74.7m, increase P&L reserves by £64.6m and to create an Own Shares Reserve in equity of £139.3m. The net effect on reserves is £74.7m. Operating profit has been reduced by £0.2m. The amount charged to the Statement of Recognised Total Recognised Gains and Losses of £(0.2)m is the difference between accumulated amortisation calculated on the new basis and that already charged. All comparatives have been restated.

2. Summary of Turnover and Profit

			Profi	
	Total £m	Growth % li	ike for like	Total £m
Boots The Chemists	2,171.1	4.9	3.8	207.1
Boots Opticians	93.8	-7.6	-1.0	1.5
Boots Healthcare	244.4	1.0	4.8	37.9
International 1				
Boots Retail	24.9	17.1	27.8	(3.9)
International 1				
Group and Other	35.1	-39.3		(31.9)

Inter-segmental	(15.8)	-9.0		
Continuing operations	2,553.5	3.0		210.7
Group turnover/operating profit 2	2,574.4	3.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	204.5
Interest				(6.0)
Group profit before tax and exceptionals				198.5
Group profit before tax (after exceptionals)				146.6
Group profit before tax and exceptionals from continuing				204.7
operations				

- 1 Like for like growth in Boots Healthcare International and Boots Retail Internatepresents sales at comparable exchange rates.
- 2 Includes share of joint venture

3. Turnover by business segment

	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 30.9.03	12 months 1,2 31.3
Health ·	932.2	878.0	1,77
Beauty and Toiletries	893.5	858.1	1,99
Lifestyle	345.4	334.6	7 C
Boots The Chemists	 2,171.1	2,070.7	4,47
Boots Opticians	93.8	101.5	19
	2,264.9	2,172.2	4,67
Boots Healthcare International3	229.2	228.3	47
Boots Retail International4	24.3	20.4	4
Group and Other5	35.1	57.7	9
Continuing operations	 2,553.5	2,478.6	5,28
Discontinued operations6	20.9	18.9	3
Turnover: group and share of joint venture	 2,574.4	2,497.5	5,32

- 1 Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue recognition.
- 2 Restated for transfer of Boots Insurance Services from Boots Opticians to Boots The Chemists and product reclassification including the transfer of Health food from Health to Lifestyle.
- 3 Boots Healthcare International also made inter-segmental sales of £15.2m (6 mor to 30th September 2003 £13.6m, 12 months to 31st March 2004 £28.6m).
- 4 Boots Retail International also made inter-segmental sales of £0.6m (6 months t 30th September 2003 £0.9m, 12 months to 31st March 2004 £1.4m).
- $5\ \mbox{Group}$ and \mbox{Other} consists of the third party manufacturing and in the prior year development properties sales.
- 6 Discontinued operations includes : LASIK, Dentistry, Chiropody, and Laser Hair Removal.
- 4. Profit on ordinary activities before interest

30.9.04 £m	30.9.03 1,3 £m	31.3.
207.1	271.9	533
1.5	3.9	12
208.6 37.9	275.8 35.6	54€ 8C
(3.9) (31.9)	(4.0) (28.7)	(1C (46
(6.2)	(11.1)	57C (2C
	267.6	549
2.6	14.6	32
(54.5)		3
152.6	282.2	586
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¹ Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue recognition, and FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

- 2 Restated on adoption of FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).
- 3 Restated for transfer of Boots Insurance Services from Boots Opticians to Boots The Chemists.
- 4 Group and Other consists of head office and other costs not allocated to business segments.
- 5 Discontinued operations includes : LASIK, Dentistry, Chiropody, and Laser Hair Removal.

5. Exceptional items

	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 30.9.03	12 months to 31.3.04
	£m	£m	£m
Profit on disposal of fixed assets - continuing	2.6	14.6	32.5
Loss on disposal or closure of operations	(54.5)	-	3.9
Total exceptional items before taxation	(51.9)	14.6	36.4
Attributable tax credit	11.4		0.6
	(40.5)	14.6	37.0

The exit from the LASIK, Dentistry, Chircpody and Laser Hair Removal businesses is expected to result in exceptional costs of £54.7m, of which £28.8m relates to asset write-down.

6. Net interest and similar items

	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 30.9.03	12 months to 31.3.04
	£m	£m	£m
Interest payable and similar	(13.6)	(9.1)	(18.2)
charges	(13.0)	(3.1)	(10.2)
Interest receivable and similar income	7.9	8.8	13.2
Share of joint venture	(0.3)	(0.2)	(0.5)
	(6.0)	(0.5)	(5,5)

7. Taxation

Taxation has been provided at an estimated effective rate excluding exceptional profits and losses on the sale of fixed assets and businesses of 32.0% (6 months to 30th September 2003 31.5%, 12 months to 31st March 2004 31.5%).

8. Dividends

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 9.1p per share (2003 8.8p per share). The dividend, which amounts to £67.1m (2003 £68.4m), will be paid on 21st January 2005 to shareholders on the register on 5th November 2004. The shares will be quoted ex dividend on 19th November 2004. Most shareholders (excluding those in Canada and the USA) will have the opportunity to reinvest their cash dividend in existing shares bought on the London Stock Exchange through a dividend reinvestment plan. All applications to join that plan or amend existing instructions under it must be received by the company's registrars by 17.00 hours GMT on 30th December 2004 if they are to apply to this interim dividend.

9. Earnings per share

	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 30.9.03 1	12 months to 31.3.04 2
Basic earnings per share before	18.1 p	23.1 p	48.2 p
exceptional items Effect of exceptional items	(5.4)p	1.9 p	4.7 p
Basic earnings per share	12.7 p	25.0 p	52.9 p
Diluted earnings per share before exceptional items	18.1 p	23.1 p	48.0 p

Diluted earnings per share	12.7 p	24.9 p	52.8 p
Effect of exceptional items	(5.4)p	1.8 p	4.8 p

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share is based on:

	6 months to 30.9.04	6 months to 1 30.9.03 1 £m	
Earnings Earnings for adjusted basic and	• • •	•	
diluted earnings			
per share calculation	94.8	197.6	412.4
Exceptional items (see note 5)	40.5	(14.6)	(37.0)
Earnings for basic and diluted earnings per share		 ,	#
calculation before exceptional items	135.3	183.0	375.4
		s to 6 months to 3.04 30.9.03	
Number of shares Weighted average number of shares used in basic earnings per share			
calculation	74	17.8 789.8	78C
Dilutive effect of options		1.4	1
Weighted average number of shares used in diluted			
earnings per share calculation	74	19.2 791.2	781

¹ Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue recognition, and FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

The weighted average number of shares used in basic earnings per share calculation excludes shares held by The Boots ESOP Trust, the QUEST and unappropriated shares held by Boots Share Plan Trustees. The dilutive effect relates to options under employee savings related scheme and executive option schemes. Basic and diluted earnings per share before exceptional items are disclosed to reflect the underlying performance of the group.

² Restated on adoption of FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

		6 months to	6 months to	12 months
		30.9.04	30.9.03 1	31.3.
		£m	£m	
Reconciliation of operating prof	it to			
operating cash flows	10 00			
Group operating profit		204.8	268.1	551
Depreciation, amortisation and		73.8	69.6	136
impairments of fixed assets		, , , ,		100
Loss on the disposal of		2.9	2.3	3
tangible fixed assets				
Increase in working capital		(276.2)	(150.0)	(47
Cash flows relating to		(5.4)		
provisions				
Other non-cash movements		(1.9)	0.6	11
Net cash inflow before		(2.0)	190.6	655
exceptional items			40.0	
Exceptional operating cash		(1.1)	(8.9)	(17
flows				
Cash (outflow)/inflow from		(3.1)	181.7	637
operating activities		(3.1)	101.7	00 /

^{·1·}Restated on adoption of FRS5 Application Note G Revenue · recognition, and FRS20 & UITF38 Accounting for Own Shares (see Note 1).

11. Closure of operations

The decision to exit from the LASIK, Dentistry, Chiropody and Laser Hair Removal businesses was announced on 16th September 2004. Subsequent to this announcement sale of the Dentistry and LASIK businesses to Optical Express was confirmed on 14th October 2004.

The decision is part of the continuing focus on Boots The Chemists. It does not impact the well-established and profitable Boots Opticians which will now be managed as part of Boots The Chemists. The exit from these businesses is expected to result in exceptional costs of £54.7m, of which £28.8m will be asset write-down.

There are 54 dental practices and they will be operated by Optical Express from 31st December 2004. The transfer of the LASIK businesses to Optical Express will be completed by 25th October 2004. The Chiropody and Laser Hair Removal businesses will also be exited. Patients who have on-going treatment will continue to be treated or alternative arrangements made.

Other movements of £0.2m relate to disposals from prior years.

12. Pensions

The group accounts for pensions under SSAP24. A formal actuarial valuation of

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the Boots Pension Scheme is undertaken every three years with the latest valuation dated 1st April 2001, on which the charge for the 6 months to September 2004 is based. The next triennial valuation, as at 1st April 2004, is in progress. The value of the Boots Pension Scheme for the purposes of FRS17, the alternative UK pensions standard, is reassessed annually based on the previous full valuation updated for known impacts. Under FRS17 the value of liabilities at 31st March 2004 was £2,894m and the market value of assets was £2,836m, giving a pension scheme deficit of £58m, before tax.

13. Basis of preparation - full year comparatives

The figures for the 12 months ended 31st March 2004 do not constitute the company's statutory accounts for that period but have been extracted from the statutory accounts, which have been filed with the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have reported on those accounts and that report was unqualified and did not contain a statement under Section 237(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The accounts for the six months ended 30th September 2004 comply with relevant accounting standards and have been prepared on a consistent basis using accounting policies set out in the 2004 Annual Report, with the exception of the amended policy on accounting for own shares.

14. Half year report

A summary of the half year report will be published in the Daily Telegraph and the Financial Times on 29th October 2004. Copies of the summary or of this half year report will be available at 'www.boots-plc.com' or from The Secretary, Boots Group PLC, Nottingham NG2 3AA.

15. Other information

There will be a live audiocast of the presentation to analysts at 09.00 hours BST on Thursday, 28th October 2004. The slide presentation will be available from 10.30 hours BST on the same day. Both can be accessed from the Investor Information page at 'www.boots-plc.com'.

Independent review report by KPMG Audit Plc to Boots Group PLC

Introduction

We have been engaged by the company to review the financial information set out on pages 7 to 16 and we have read the other information contained in the interim report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial information.

This report is made solely to the company in accordance with the terms of our engagement to assist the company in meeting the requirements of the Listing Rules of the Financial Services Authority. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in this 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 for our review work, for this report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Directors' responsibilities

The interim report, including the financial information contained therein, is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the interim report in accordance with the Listing Rules which require that the accounting policies and presentation applied to the interim figures should be consistent with those applied in preparing the preceding annual accounts except where they are to be changed in the next annual accounts in which case any changes, and the reasons for them, are to be disclosed.

Review work performed

We conducted our review in accordance with guidance contained in Bulletin 1999/4: Review of interim financial information issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review consists principally of making enquiries of group management and applying analytical procedures to the financial information and underlying financial data and, based thereon, assessing whether the accounting policies and presentation have been consistently applied unless otherwise disclosed. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with Auditing Standards and therefore provides a lower level of assurance than an audit. Accordingly we do not express an audit opinion on the financial information.

Review conclusion

On the basis of our review we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial information as presented for the six months ended 30th September 2004.

KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants 2 Cornwall Street Birmingham B3 2DL

28th October 2004

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On 21st October 2004, Boots Group PLC acquired 60,000 ordinary shares in the company for cancellation. The price paid was 658p per ordinary share.

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Class of shares	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
Number of shares purchased	250,000	300,000	500,000
Nominal value of each share	0.25	0.25	0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	13/10/04	14/10/04	15/10/04
Maximum prices paid § for each share	£6.496851	£6.537336	£6.524201
Minimum prices paid § for each share	£6.496851	£6.537336	£6.524201

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The Aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	£	6,857,788.32
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	Number of shares purchased	250,000	250,000	150,000
	Nominal value of each share	0.25	0.25	0.25
	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	19/10/04	20/10/04	25/10/04
	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£6.5484	£6.56	£6.57
	Minimum prices paid § for each share	£6.5484	£6.56	£6.57

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The Aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	£	4,268,996.90
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Number of shares purchased	60,000	150,000	300,000
Nominal value of each share	0.25	0.25	0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	26/10/04	28/10/04	5/11/04
Maximum prices paid § for each share	£6.58	£6.5495	£6.654
Minimum prices paid § for each share	£6.58	£6.5495	£6.654

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The Aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	£	3,378,488.14
Stamp Duty is payable on the aggregate amount at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}$ % rounded up to the nearest multiple of £5	£	16,895.00

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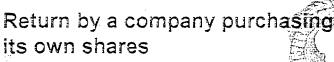
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Class of shares	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
Number of shares purchased	500,000	455,000	300,000
Nominal value of each share	0.25	0.25	0.25
Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	20/09/04	27/09/04	23/09/04
Maximum prices paid § for each share	£6.8302	£6.838681	£6.823
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The Aggregate amount pair, by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	£	3,633.924.84
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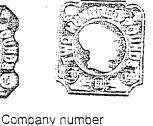
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	Nominal value of each share	0.25	. 0.25	
5	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered o the company	08/10/04	12/10/04	
	Maximum prices paid § or each share	£6.476733	£6.4886	
	Minimum prices paid § or each share	£6.511	£6.4886	

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The Aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	£	3,576,790.09
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	Class of shares	Ordinary	Ordinary	Ordinary
	Number of shares purchased	250,000	400,000	500,000
	Nominal value of each share	0.25	0.25	0.25
	Date(s) on which the shares were delivered to the company	24/09/04	28/09/04	29/09/04
y	Maximum prices paid § for each share	£6.711	£6.697188	£6.672397
	Minimum prices paid § for each share	£6.711	£6.697188	£6.704142

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The Aggregate amount paid by the company for the shares to which this return relates was:	Ē	7,719,010.36
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