DIRECTORS' REPORT

Dear Shareholders,

The Board of Directors and I enclose herewith a copy of the Audited Financial Statements of NSX Limited and Controlled Entities ("NSX") for the year ended 30th June 2003.

The Company incurred a consolidated operating loss of \$606,493 (2002: \$1,059,119) for the financial year. Of this loss, \$53,003 (2002: 394,000) is represented by a write down of the carrying value of the goodwill in the accounts of the group. The primary reason for reduction in losses of the group is due to a focus on reducing operating expenses.

Achievements During the Year

Official List

Currently the Exchange has listed eight (10) securities with 14 Wine Class Preference Shares expiring during the year. The market capitalisation of the exchange rose from \$8.9 million to \$89.3 million. Due to increased listings and rising prices the NSX All Equities Index rose from 90 to 163.

Incitec Fertilizer preference share is most notable as it is the first listing supported by an institution; Westpac Institutional Bank.

Effective 1st July 2002 the NSX became an approved exchange under the Income Tax Act 1936 Schedule 12. The approval makes the NSX a more attractive market for miscellaneous investment.

NSX has achieved key milestones during the year of new companies listed, new floats and providing an orderly, fair and transparent market.

Listed Securities	October 2003
Fully Paid Ordinary	6
Shares	
Partly Paid FPO shares	1
Preference Shares	2
Company Issued Options	1
Property Unit Trusts	1
Total Listed Securities	11

The NSX continues to make significant progress in attracting a variety of different types of companies to the market. The NSX completed its first property trust and sophisticated investor listing with the quotation of Quantum Property Trust (\$6.5 million) and Incitec Fertilizers Limited (\$55 million). The

schemes.

The key to success for the NSX in the coming year is to increase the number of securities listed with the NSX. Concentration will be on Property, Mining, Agriculture, and Service industries with significant opportunities existing among community based and mutual organisations.

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New Floats

The following securities are expected to complete their listing process and begin quotation later in 2003:

- SWP SwepDri Limited FPO
- WAY Waymouth Resources Limited FPO
- DRL Diatreme Resources Limited FPO
- STC Stratum Communications Limited
- CMD Croatian Media Limited
- AWDPA Access West Developments
- OHZ Opal Horizon Limited

The NSX continues to receive serious enquiries from many companies looking to list. The increased number of listings and increase in current floats is against a back drop of a continuing tough IPO market, and is a key indicator to the future success of the NSX.

The total number of Nominated Advisers is fourteen. Primarily, the role of the Nominated Adviser is to provide Listed Companies with advice concerning their obligations under the NSX listing rules. However, Nominated Advisers are also very active in grooming and providing services to companies that are candidates for listing on the NSX.

Combined with the NSX broker network, Nominated Advisers raise the awareness of companies about the opportunities of listing on the NSX and help to extend NSX's marketing reach.

Trading & Settlement

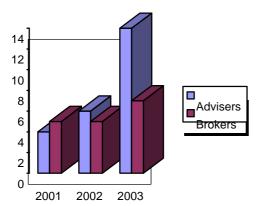
Trading volumes increased during the year. However volumes still remain low, due to the fact that NSX listed companies tend to be tightly held.

Improvements in Funding to cement NSX's position as Australia's second securities exchange.

Participants

During the year the NSX received and accepted applications from the following Nominated Advisers:

- Hunt Hunt Lawyers
- Salmon Giles Pty Ltd
- Taylor Collison Limited
- Venture Axess Limited
- Walker Herceg Lawyers
- Westpac Institutional Bank
- WHI Securities Limited
- Whittens Lawyers



Nevertheless, the NSX increasingly provides a market place for what otherwise would be illiquid securities and the NSX expects to grow the volume of trades by attracting more listings to the market.

Compliance

The NSX Compliance Committee is the primary body for monitoring compliance of Listed Entities and Participating Organisations.

The NSX continues to develop relationships with other exchanges and is developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Australian Stock Exchange concerning market information sharing including regulatory mechanisms for dual listed securities.

The NSX finalised an MOU with the Securities Exchanges Guarantee Corporation (SEGC) concerning the operation of the National Guarantee Fund and the NSX Fidelity Fund.

With the changes brought about by the Financial Services Reform Act, the NSX Compliance Committee has been working on amending the listing and business rules and operational

DIRECTORS' REPORT

procedures so that the NSX remains compliant with its Australian Markets Licence.

The Future

Funding

Your Board of Directors is keen to build on the current business development activities, especially given the number of listing enquiries currently to hand.

In this regard, the Directors have reviewed the ongoing business strategy and future cash flow requirements necessary to achieve ongoing success and to place the NSX in a profitable position.

The Board has issued a placement of shares of 1,000,000 shares at 35 cents to each of Barbary Coast Investments Pty Limited and Accounting PC Training Pty Limited. A director from each of these companies will also become a director of NSX Limited and controlled entities. The placement provides the NSX with additional funding of \$700,000. Mr Raymond Whitten and Mr Michael Cox will join the board of the NSX filling casual vacancies and will stand for election by members at the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

We look forward to seeing as many shareholders as possible at the Annual General Meeting on Friday 21 November 2003 at 11.00am at the Exchange's Office, Ground Floor, 384 Hunter Street, Newcastle 2300.

A meeting agenda and order of business announcement is included with this report. Please forward all proxy voting forms to NSX Limited, PO BOX 283, Newcastle, 2300.

We would be pleased if you could confirm your attendance at the Annual General Meeting 24 hours beforehand for catering arrangements by telephoning either Scott Evans or Jane Thorley on \$\mathbb{\text{\text{\text{\text{e}}}}\$} 4929 6377 or \$\mathbb{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{e}}}}}\$} mail@newsx.com.au.

Signed On Behalf of the Board of NSX Limited and its controlled Entities:

Warwick Williams Evans, CHAIRMAN & CEO 8th October 2003

DIRECTORS' REPORT

CORPORATE DIRECTORY

DIRECTORS: Warwick Evans (Chairman & CEO)

Steven S. Pritchard Paul Seymour

F. Mark Menzies (Company Secretary)

John O'Connor

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present their report on the company and its controlled entities for the financial year ended 30 June 2003.

DIRECTORS

The names of the directors in office during or since the end of the year are:

Name of Director	Date of Appointment	Date of Resignation
Warwick Williams Evans	29 June 2001	
Francis Markham Menzies Steven Shane Pritchard	10 January 1994 6 February 1997	
Paul Ernest Seymour	25 March 1998	
John RC Gilbert John Joseph O'Connor	24 May 2002 3 February 2003	9 September 2002

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of the report unless otherwise stated.

OPERATING RESULTS

The consolidated operating loss of the economic entity for the financial year after providing for income tax amounted to \$606,493 (2002 loss of \$1,059,119).

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

The company continued to increase listings and develop potential listings throughout the year. The loan amounting to \$2,308,235 given by the company to its subsidiary Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited was converted into equity during the year.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STATE OF AFFAIRS

Other than the conversion of debt to equity as above there has been no significant change in the state of affairs of the company and the economic entity during the financial year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the economic entity during the financial year was the operation of a stock exchange.

No significant change in the nature of this activity occurred during the year.

AFTER BALANCE DATE EVENTS

In August 2003 the company has issued 2,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.35 each to two new shareholders raising \$700,000. The two directors of these shareholders will be appointed as directors of the company and its controlled entities subject to ASIC approval.

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FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In the opinion of the directors, disclosure of information regarding likely developments in the operation of the economic entity and the expected results of these operations would prejudice the interests of the economic entity. Accordingly information has not been included in this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The economic entity's operations are not subject to any significant environmental regulations under either Commonwealth or State Legislation. The directors are not aware of any significant material environmental issues arising from the operations of the economic entity during the year.

INFORMATION ON DIRECTORS

Warwick Williams Evans, (B.Com Ec), is the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, of the company. Warwick was formerly Executive Director of Macquarie Bank Limited and Managing Director of the Stockbroking and Financial Services operations for a period of 9 years. He is also Chairman of the Securities & Derivates Industry Association of Australia, a Director of Murrays Australia Limited, and a Director of the Brandenburg Orchestra.

Francis Markham Menzies, is the Secretary and a member of the Fidelity Fund Committee of the company. Mark has been associated with J M Tonkin & Co (now called TSM Corporate Pty Ltd) since 1968 and was admitted as a partner of the firm in 1989. Mark is Principal of the stockbroking firm Tonkin Scorer Menzies a participating member of the Exchange.

Steven Shane Pritchard (B. Com, CPA, ASIA) holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the University of Newcastle (B.Com), is a Certified Practising Accountant and is an Associate of the Securities Institute of Australia (ASIA). He is a member of the Compliance Committee of the company. Steven is the principal of the Newcastle firm of Certified Practising Accountants, Rees Pritchard Pty Limited, a Director of the stockbroking firm Pritchard & Partners Pty Limited and is past branch Chairman of CPA Australia. Steven is also Chairman of Cameron Stockbrokers Limited.

Paul Ernest Seymour has held a number of senior positions in the securities industry over the past 30 years including Director of Operations at County Natwest Securities Australia Limited and was formerly a member of the Australian Stock Exchange Limited's National Adjudicatory Tribunal and the National Settlements Advisory Committee.

John RC Gilbert, is an independent Director. John is a Proper Authority (Aus) with ASIC/ASX Level 1 & 2 Derivatives Accreditation; SFA General Rep (UK); Financial Planning Certificates (UK). John is a regular contributor to SHARES magazine. John resigned as a director effective 9 September 2002.

John Joseph O'Connor, (B. Com, CA) is a member Financial Planners Association. He is a member of the Compliance Committee of the company. John has been a partner of Forsythes since early 2000 and heads the Financial Planning Division. John is a Chartered Accountant and qualified Financial Planner, with 15 years experience in chartered accounting, tax and management consulting and many years of investment advisory experience.

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DIRECTORS' AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' EMOLUMENTS

No director has received or become entitled to receive, during or since the financial year, a benefit because of a contract made by the company, with a director, a firm of which the director is a member or an entity in which the director has a substantial financial interest. This statement excludes a benefit included in the aggregate amount of emoluments received or due and receivable by the directors shown in the company's accounts, or the fixed salary of a full-time employee of the economic entity.

DIVIDENDS PAID OR RECOMMENDED

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend. No dividends have been paid during or since the end of the financial year.

OPTIONS

No options over issued shares or interests in the company or a controlled entity were granted during or since the end of the financial year. All previously issued options outstanding are exercisable at \$1.00 and expire on 30 June 2006.

On 25 August 2003, the company has offered to grant 200,000 options to Rees Pritchard Pty Limited in partial settlement of an invoice for services rendered to the economic entity, subject to the compliance with the Corporations Act 2001. The strike has been determined to be \$0.35 and exercise date 28 August 2008.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

No person has applied for leave of the Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the economic entity or intervene in any proceedings to which the economic entity is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the economic entity for all or any part of those proceedings.

MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS

During the period, 12 Directors Meetings and 8 Committee Meetings were held. Attendances were:

Directors Meeting

Committee Meeting

Name of Director	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended	Number Eligible to Attend	Number Attended
Warwick Williams Evans	12	10	-	-
Francis Markham Menzies	12	11	-	-
Steven Shane Pritchard	12	12	8	8
Paul Ernest Seymour	12	9	3	3
John RC Gilbert	2	2	-	-
John O'Connor	4	4	8	8

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INDEMNIFYING OFFICERS OR AUDITORS

The company has not, during or since the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditors of the company or any controlled related body corporate:

- indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings,

with the exception of the following matter:

The company has paid a premium to indemnify the directors and officers of the company and its controlled entities against liability incurred in their capacity of directors and officers. The amount of the premium paid was \$13,571.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Warwick Williams Evans Francis Markham Menzies
Director Director

Dated this day of 2003

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003	2002	2003	2002
Revenue from ordinary activities	2	\$ 138,894	\$ 204,932	\$ -	\$ 1,707
Depreciation and amortisation					
expenses	3	(75,349)	(418,184)	-	-
Borrowing costs expense	3	(1,329)	(451)	-	-
Doubtful debts expense Diminution of investments expense	3	(4,620)	-	1,411,603	(1,411,603)
·	3	-	-	(1,464,606)	(390,234)
Consultancy fees		(79,184)	(182,379)	-	-
Compliance expenses		(50,619)	(78,144)	-	-
Legal expenses		(17,308)	(42,011)	-	-
Market trading expense		(126,005)	(107,781)	-	-
Employee benefits expense Marketing and promotion expenses	3	(152,958)	(154,388)	-	-
		(87,399)	(126,484)	-	-
Rental expenses Other expenses from ordinary activities	3	(30,550)	(29,467)	-	-
,		(120,066)	(171,583)	(10,253)	(2,894)
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities before income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	_				
		(606,493)	(1,105,940)	(63,256)	(1,803,024)
Income tax benefit/(expense) relating to					
ordinary activities	4 _		46,821		-
Net profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after income tax expense attributable to members of the parent entity					
, ,	_	(606,493)	(1,059,119)	(63,256)	(1,803,024)
Total changes in equity of the entity other than those resulting from					
transactions with owners as owners		(606,493)	(1,059,119)	(63,256)	(1,803,024)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash assets	6	271,133	336,558	-	-
Receivables	7	2,206	50,703	-	896,685
Other assets	8	7,312	8,158	-	-
Other financial assets	9	116,568	604,465		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		397,219	999,884		896,685
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Other financial assets	9	_	_	1,403,445	559,766
Property, plant and equipment	11	62,651	74,518	-	-
Intangible assets	12	506,763	559,766	-	_
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
		569,414	634,284	1,403,445	559,766
TOTAL ASSETS		966,633	1,634,168	1,403,445	1,456,451
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	13	107,470	175,006	13,750	3,500
Tax liabilities	14	-	(3,531)	-	-
Provisions	15	12,705	9,742	-	-
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		120,175	181,217	13,750	3,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES		120,175	181,217	13,750	3,500
NET ASSETS		846,458	1,452,951	1,389,695	1,452,951
EQUITY					
Contributed equity	16	3,338,332	3,338,332	3,338,332	3,338,332
Retained losses	17	(2,491,874)	(1,885,381)	(1,948,637)	(1,885,381)
TOTAL EQUITY	1 /	846,458	1,452,951	1,389,695	1,452,951
10 I/IL LQUII I		070,730	1,732,731	1,307,073	1,732,731

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING AC	CTIVITIES				
Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers and employees		166,259	187,726	-	-
Interest received Borrowing costs paid Income tax (paid) refunded Net cash provided by (used in)	-	(738,374) 27,129 (1,329) 3,531	(1,513,383) 59,251 (451) (115,972)	(3) - - -	(2,727) 1,707 -
operating activities	20(b)	(542,784)	(1,382,829)	(3)	(1,020)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING AC	TIVITIES				
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment Payment for property, plant and		250	-	-	-
equipment Payment for investments Loans to related parties		(10,788) -	(2,603)	- (2,308,285)	-
payments madeLoans to related partiesproceeds from repayments		-	-	- 2,308,288	(2,308,285)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	- -	(10,538)	(2,603)	3	(2,308,285)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING AC	CTIVITIES				
Proceeds from share issue		-	435,982	-	435,982
Payments in relation to share issue		-	(199,000)	-	(199,000)
Loans from related parties – repayments made Not each provided by (used in)	-	<u>-</u>	(40,000)		(46,958)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	-	<u>-</u>	196,982		190,024
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(FF2, 222)	(1.100.450)		(2.110.201)
Cash at beginning of year	20()	(553,322) 941,023	(1,188,450) 2,129,473		(2,119,281) 2,119,281
Cash at end of year	20(a)	387,701	941,023		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial report is a general purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Accounting Standards and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.

The financial report covers NSX Limited as an individual parent entity and NSX Limited, Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited, NSX Services Pty Limited and NSX Clearing Nominees Pty Limited as an economic entity. NSX Limited is a company limited by shares incorporated and domiciled in Australia.

The financial report has also been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

(a) Going Concern

Notwithstanding continued operating losses, the financial report has been prepared on a going concern basis.

The company has a comprehensive business plan and has prepared financial forecasts on this basis. The company considers these estimates to be conservative and accordingly is of the opinion that the going concern basis of accounting is appropriate.

(b) Principles of Consolidation

A controlled entity is any entity controlled by NSX Limited. Control exists where NSX Limited has the capacity to dominate the decision making in relation to the financial and operating policies of another entity so that the other entity operates with NSX Limited to achieve the objectives of NSX Limited. Details of the controlled entity are contained in Note 10.

All inter-company transactions between entities in the economic entity, including any unrealised profits or losses, have been eliminated on consolidation.

(c) Income Tax

The economic entity adopts the liability method of tax effect accounting whereby the income tax expense is based on the profit for ordinary activities adjusted for any permanent differences.

Timing differences, which arise due to the different accounting periods in which items of revenue and expense are included in the determination of accounting profit and taxable income are brought to account as either a provision for deferred income tax or as a future income tax benefit at the rate of income tax applicable to the period in which the benefit will be received or the liability will become payable.

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

(c) Income Tax (cont'd)

Future income tax benefits are not brought to account unless realisation of the asset is assured beyond any reasonable doubt. Future income tax benefits in relation to tax losses are not brought to account unless there is virtual certainty of realisation of the benefit.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

The amount of benefits brought to account or which may be realised in the future is based on the assumption that no adverse change will occur in income taxation legislation, and the anticipation that the economic entity will derive sufficient future assessable income to enable the benefit to be realised and comply with the conditions of deductibility imposed by the law.

(d) Property, Plant and Equipment

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

Plant and equipment

Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis.

The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from those assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows which will be received from the assets employment and subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.

Depreciation

The depreciable amounts of all fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

Class of Asset Depreciation Rate

Plant and equipment 20 – 40%

(e) Leases

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses in the period in which they are incurred.

(f) Investments

Non-current investments are measured on the cost basis. The carrying amount of investments is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount of these investments. Expected net cash flows are discounted to their present value to determine the investments' recoverable amount.

(g) Intangibles

Goodwill

Goodwill and goodwill on consolidation are initially recorded at the amount by which the purchase price for a business or for an ownership interest in a controlled entity exceeds the fair value attributed to its net tangible assets at the date of acquisition. Both purchased goodwill and goodwill on consolidation are amortised on a straight line basis over the period of 20 years. The balances are reviewed annually and any balance representing future benefits, the realisation of which is considered to be no longer probable, are written off.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (cont'd)

(h) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the economic entity's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date. Employee benefits expected to be settled within one year together with benefits arising from wages and salaries, annual leave and sick leave which will be settled after one year, have been measured at amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled plus related on-costs. Other employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits.

Contributions are made by the economic entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

(i) Cash

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at call deposits with banks or financial institutions, investments in money market instruments maturing within less than two months and net of bank overdrafts.

(j) Revenue

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

Revenue from government grants is recognised at the time of receipt.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(k) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Tax office. In these circumstances the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of the expense. Receivables and payables in the statement of financial position are shown inclusive of GST.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 2: REVENUE					
Operating activities - fees - interest – other parties - NSX conference income - other income Total	<u>-</u>	106,512 27,129 (100) 5,103 138,644	106,330 59,251 17,351 22,000 204,932	- - - - -	1,707 - - 1,707
Non operating activities - proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment Total revenue	_	250 138,894	204,932		1,707
NOTE 3: LOSS FROM ORDINARY A	CTIVITIES				
Loss from ordinary activities before inco	ome tax exp	ense has been de	etermined after:		
(a) Expenses:					
Depreciation of non-current assets - plant and equipment Amortisation of non-current assets		22,346	27,950	-	-
- goodwill		53,003	390,234		
Total depreciation and amortisation		75,349	418,184		
Borrowing costs - director related entity - other persons Total borrowing costs	_	1,329 1,329	451 - 451	- - -	- - -
Bad and doubtful debts - trade debtors - Loan – Stock Exchange of Newcastle Total bad and doubtful debts	_	4,620	- -		1,411,603 1,411,603
Employee benefits - Superannuation - Wage expense		11,431 141,527 152,958	154,388 154,388	- - -	- - -

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 3: LOSS FROM ORDINARY A	CTIVITIES (cont'd)			
Rental expense on operating lease - minimum lease payments	_	30,550	29,467		
Write down of shares to recoverable amounts	_	<u>-</u>		1,464,606	390,234
Remuneration of auditors: - auditors' review - prior auditors					
- auditors' review – current		10,049	6,879	-	1,847
auditors - other services – prior auditors - other services – current		11,000	- 2,293	4,750	- 616
auditors Total remuneration of auditors	_	13,500 34,549	9,172	5,500 10,250	2,463
(b) Revenue and net gains:	_	34,347	7,172	10,230	2,403
Net gain (loss) on disposal of plant and equipment	t	(59)	-	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
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NOTE 4: INCOME TAX EXPENSE

The prima facie tax payable on loss from ordinary activities before income tax is reconciled to the income tax expense as follows:

Prima facie tax payable (benefit) on				
operating loss before income tax at 30%				
(2002: 30%)	(181,948)	(317,736)	(18,977)	(570,907)
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Tax effect of:				
- amortisation of goodwill	-	117,070	-	-
- timing differences not				
recognised in the accounts	143,863	200,666	1	30,356
- write down to recoverable amount				
	439,382	-	439,382	117,070
- non deductible amounts	22,184	-	3,075	-
- other items	(423,481)	-	(423,481)	423,481
- over provision for income tax	, ,		, ,	•
in prior years	-	(46,821)	_	_
Income tax expense (benefit)		(10/021)		
attributable to profit from ordinary				
activities	-	(46,821)	_	-
Tax losses not brought to account, the				
benefits will only be realised if the				
conditions for deductibility set out in				
Note 1(c) occur				
()	440,749	107,682	8,807	107,682
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	· ·	<u> </u>
NOTE 5: DIVIDENDS				
Ralanco of franking account at year and				
Balance of franking account at year end adjusted for franking credits arising				
from payment of provision for income				
tax	94,678	_	94,678	_
lax	74,070		74,070	

The 2003 balance of the franking account has been converted to a "tax paid" basis due to changes in income tax legislation.

NOTE 6: CASH ASSETS

Cash at bank	271,133	336,558	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 7: RECEIVABLES					
CURRENT Loans to related party					
 Stock Exchange of Newcastle Provision for doubtful debts 		-	-	-	2,308,285
Provision for doubling debts	_	<u>-</u>			(1,411,603) 896,682
		-	-	-	090,002
Trade debtors		5,945	7,676	_	-
Other debtors		881	43,024	-	-
Loans to directors		-	3	-	3
Provision for doubtful debts		(4,620)			
	_	2,206	50,703		896,685
NOTE 8: OTHER ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Prepayments		7,312	8,158		
NOTE 9: OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS					
CURRENT					
Commercial bills		109,568	597,465	_	-
Deposits at call		7,000	7,000	-	-
·	_	116,568	604,465		
NON-CURRENT Shares in controlled entities – at					
recoverable amount	_		-	1,403,445	559,766

NOTE 10: CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Subsidiary: Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited

County of Incorporation: Australia

Percentage owned: 100%

Subsidiary: NSX Services Pty Limited Country of Incorporation: Australia

Percentage owned: 100%

Subsidiary: NSX Clearing Nominees Pty Limited

Country of Incorporation: Australia

Percentage owned: 100%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economi	c Entity	Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 11: PROPERTY, PLANT AND EC	QUIPMEN	Т			
Plant and equipment – at cost Less accumulated depreciation Total plant and equipment	_	170,974 (108,323) 62,651	162,236 (87,718) 74,518	- - -	- - -
(a) Movements in carrying amounts					
Movement in the carrying amounts for e the financial year:	each class	of plant and eq	uipment between t	the beginning and th	ne end of
Plant and equipment					
Balance at the beginning of the year Additions Disposals Depreciation expense Carrying amount at the end of the year NOTE 12: INTANGIBLES Goodwill – at cost	_ =	74,518 10,788 (309) (22,346) 62,651	99,865 2,603 - (27,950) 74,518	- - - - - -	- - - - -
Less accumulated amortisation	_	(913,948) 506,763	(860,945) 559,766	<u> </u>	
NOTE 13: PAYABLES CURRENT Trade creditors Sundry creditors	- - -	52,005 55,465 107,470	124,428 50,578 175,006	10,250 3,500 13,750	3,500 3,500
NOTE 14: TAX LIABILITIES					
CURRENT Income tax	_	-	(3,531)		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	Natas		nic Entity	Parent	•
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 15: PROVISIONS					
CURRENT Employee benefits		12,705	9,742	-	-
(a) Aggregate employee benefits		12,705	9,742	-	-
(b) Number of employees at year end		2	2	-	-
NOTE 16: CONTRIBUTED EQUITY					
13,240,003 (2002: 13,420,003) fully paid ordinary shares		3,323,332	3,323,332	3,323,332	3,323,332
1,500,000 (2002: 1,500,000) ordinary shares paid to 1 cent	- •	15,000 3,338,332	15,000 3,338,332	15,000 3,338,332	15,000 3,338,332
(a) Fully paid ordinary shares					
At the beginning of the reporting period - 342,000 on 20 July 2001 - 98,000 on 1 October 2001	d	3,323,332	2,887,350 342,000 98,000	3,323,332 - -	2,887,350 342,000 98,000
Transactions costs relating to share issues At reporting date	- -	3,323,332	(4,018) 3,323,332	3,323,332	(4,018)
At the character of the grounding parts	.1	No	No	No	No
At the beginning of the reporting period	l L	13,420,003	12,980,003	13,420,003	12,980,003
20 July 200110 August 20011 October 2001At reporting date	-	13,420,003	280,000 62,000 98,000 13,420,003	13,420,003	280,000 62,000 98,000 13,420,003

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

NOTE 16: CONTRIBUTED EQUITY (cont'd)

On 20 July 2001 the company issued 280,000 ordinary shares at \$1 each On 10 August 2001 the company issued 62,000 ordinary shares at \$1 each On 1 October 2001 the company issued 98,000 ordinary shares at \$1 each

The above issues were based on applications received from the offer information statement lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 30 January 2001.

Ordinary shares participate in dividends and the proceeds on winding up of the company in proportion to the number of shares held.

At shareholders meetings each ordinary share is entitled to one vote when a poll is called, otherwise each shareholder has one vote on a show of hands.

	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
(b) Partly paid ordinary shares	•	•	*	•
At the beginning of the reporting period				
	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
At reporting date	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	No	No	No	No
At the beginning of the reporting period				
	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
At reporting date	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

The partly paid shares have one outstanding call of 99 cents each. The date of the final call is at the shareholder's discretion.

On the winding up of the company the balance of partly paid shares, if any, may be called up. The proceeds on winding up are paid proportional to the amounts paid on partly paid shares.

(c) Options

At balance date, share options existed which if exercised would result in the issue of 130,000 (2002 – 130,000) fully paid ordinary shares. The exercise price is \$1. The options expire on 30 June 2006 and are exercisable at anytime until the expiry date at the discretion of the option holder.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

		Economic Entity		Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
NOTE 17: RETAINED PROFITS					
Retained profits (losses) at the beginning of the financial year		(1,885,381)	(826,262)	(1,885,381)	(82,357)
Net profit (loss) attributable to the members	-	(606,493)	(1,059,119)	(63,256)	(1,803,024)
Retained profits (losses) at the end of the financial year	-	(2,491,874)	(1,885,381)	(1,948,637)	(1,885,381)
NOTE 18: CAPITAL AND LEASING CO	OMMITM	IENTS			
(a) Operating lease commitments					
Non-cancellable operating leases contracted for but not capitalised in the financial statements:					
Payable - not later than one year - later than 1 year but not later than 5		35,422	4,987	-	-
years	- -	42,416 77,838	4,987		<u>-</u>

The property lease is a non-cancellable lease with a three-year term, with rent payable monthly in advance. An option exists to renew the lease at the end of the three-year term for an additional three years.

The Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited has an agreement with ASX Operations Pty Limited to provide technology related services to enable the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited to operate a market for trading securities. The term of the contract is for three years with termination options available to the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited after one and two years.

NOTE 19: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between related parties are on normal commercial terms and conditions no more favourable than those available to parties unless otherwise stated.

Controlled Entities

Loans advanced to Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited. There is no fixed term for the repayment of the principal on these loans, nor is interest charged

2,308,285 - 2,308,285

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	Econom	ic Entity	Parent Entity		
Notes	2003	2002	2003	2002	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	

NOTE 19: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont'd)

Director-Related Entities

During the financial year the following loans previously advanced to the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited by director-related entities were repaid. The loans were unsecured and non-interest bearing:

Steve Shane Pritchard	_	4,000	_	-
Paul Ernest Seymour	-	4,000	-	_
Brendan Selby Scorer	-	4,000	-	-
Gregory Howard Walls	-	4,000	-	-
J. M. Tonkin & Co	-	8,000	-	-
Pritchard & Partners Pty Limited	-	4,000	-	-
H. H. Walls & Co	-	4,000	-	-
Conference income:				
 Pritchard & Partners Pty Limited 				
	-	900	-	-
- Tonkin Scorer Menzies	-	900	-	-
Other income:				
- Pritchard & Partners Pty Ltd	-	1,000	-	-
Share registry fees:				
- Steven Pritchard & Paul	0.400	0.700		
Seymour	2,400	2,789	-	-
Rees Pritchard Pty Limited, an				
accounting firm associated with Steven				
Pritchard provided accounting services				
to the Stock Exchange of Newcastle				
Limited on normal commercial terms				
and conditions				
and conditions	53,612	13,285	_	_
	00,012	10,200		
WWE Investments Pty Limited, a				
company related to Warwick Willams				
Evans, a director of the holding				
company, provided business				
development advice to the economic				
entity on normal commercial terms and				
conditions	-	75,000	-	-
		*		

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		Economic	: Entity	Parent Entity	
	Notes	2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
NOTE 19: RELATED PARTY TRANSAC	TIONS (co	nt'd)			
Consulting work paid to an associate of WWE Investments – IXION Pty Ltd					
-		25,250	107,379	-	-
A.H. Hough Pty Limited, a company related to Francis Markham Menzies guaranteed a \$250,000 security deposit with the ASX. For this service the company was paid interest during the year	:				
		-	451	-	-
Forsythes Accountants, an accounting firm in which John Joseph O'Connor is a partner was paid an amount for the services provided by John Joseph O'Connor to the NSX Compliance Committee					
		9,370	-	-	-
Cameron Stockbroking Limited, a firm in which Paul Ernest Seymour is a director reimbursed Stock Exchange of Newcastle an amount for a share of trade exhibition expense incurred jointly with the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited		1.045			
		1,845	-	-	-
Trading fees received by directors-related companies:					
- Cameron Stockbroking Limited		420			
- Pritchard & Partners Pty Limited		420	-	-	-
- Tonkin Scorer Menzies		80 50	-	-	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	Econom	ic Entity	Parent Entity		
Notes	2003	2002	2003	2002	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	

NOTE 19: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (cont'd)

Options were allocated to the following director-related parties during the year:

- WWE Investments Pty Limited (a company related to Warwick Evans)

- 350,000 - 350,000

- Enzo Pirillo (an employee of Rees Pritchard – a director related entity)

- 25,000 - 25,000

- John Dimkos (an associate of Brendan Scorer – a director) - 25,000 - 25,000

The direct, indirect and beneficial holdings of directors and their director-related entities in the share and share options of the parent company as at 30 June 2003 were:

Shares:

5,630,003 (2002 – 5,603,505) fully paid ordinary \$1 shares 1,400,000 (2002 – 1,400,000) partly paid shares 750,000 (2002 – 750,000) share options

NOTE 20: CASH FLOW INFORMATION

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cashflows is reconciled to the related items in the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash	6	271,133	336,558	-	-
Commercial bill	9	109,568	597,465	-	-
Deposits at call	9	7,000	7,000	-	-
		387,701	941,023		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

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Economic Entity

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	Motes	\$	\$	\$	\$
NOTE 20: CASH FLOW INFORMATION	ON (cont'd)				
(b) Reconciliation of cash flow from op	erations with	profit/(loss) fr	om ordinary activi	ties after income ta	ax:
Profit/(loss) from ordinary activities after income tax Non-cash flows in profit from ordinary activities:		(606,493)	(1,059,119)	(63,256)	(1,803,024)
Amortisation Depreciation Write down to recoverable amount		53,003 22,346	390,234 27,950	-	-
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of plant and	d	-	-	1,464,606	390,234
equipment Provision for doubtful debts Changes to assets and liabilities: (Increase)/decrease in receivables		59 4,620	-	(1,411,603)	1,411,603
(Increase)/decrease in other assets		43,877	13,268	-	-
Increase/(decrease) in payables Increase/(decrease) in provisions Increase/(decrease) in income tax		846 (67,536) 2,963	(6,466) (637,571) 4,847	10,250 -	- 167 -
payable Cash flows from operations	_	3,531 (542,784)	(115,972) (1,382,829)	(3)	(1,020)
NOTE 21: REMUNERATION AND RE	TIREMENT E	BENEFITS			
Directors' Remuneration					
Income paid or payable to all directors of each entity in the economic entity by the entities of which they are directors and any related parties		3,801	112,561	-	-
Number of directors whose income was within the following bands:	5				
\$0 - \$9,999 \$30,000 - \$39,999 \$70,000 - \$79,999		6 - -	5 1 1	6 - -	7 - -

Parent Entity

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

NOTE 22: FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

(a) Interest Rate Risk

The financial assets and liabilities subject to interest rate risk are:

Bank Accounts

The economic entity's general bank account was subject to interest at the market variable rate being 1.00% (2002 - 3.60%) as at 30 June 2003.

The 11am term deposit was subject to an interest rate of 4.00% (2002 - 3.75%) as at 30 June 2003.

The commercial bill facility was subject to an interest rate of 5.04% (2002 - 4.84%) as at 30 June 2003.

All other financial assets and financial liabilities are not subject to interest rate risk as they are non-interest bearing.

(b) Credit Risk

The credit risk on financial assets of the economic entity which have been recognised on the statement of financial position and the notes to the financial statements, is the carrying amount of those assets net of any provision for doubtful debts.

The economic entity does not have any material credit risk exposure to any single debtor or group of debtors under financial instruments entered into by the economic entity.

(c) Net Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The net fair value approximates the carrying value of financial assets and liabilities of the economic entity.

The aggregate net fair values and carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities are disclosed in the statement of financial position and in the notes to the financial statements

NOTE 23: SEGMENT REPORTING

The economic entity operates in the services industry wholly within Australia.

NOTE 24: CONTINGENT LIABILITY

A security deposit of \$250,000 has been provided by Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited to the Australian Stock Exchange Limited. This security deposit is in the form of a bank guarantee.

The Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited is currently in dispute with the Australian Tax Office (ATO) in relation to an amount of approximately \$14,000 of Goods and Services Tax (GST) payable. The company is considering to appeal against this matter. The outcome of this dispute cannot be determined at the time of signing of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

On 20 March 2003, the economic entity received an invoice amounting to \$221,036 (including GST) from Rees Pritchard Pty Limited for services rendered, which the economic entity disputed. On 25 August 2003, the economic entity entered into a deed of settlement with Rees Pritchard Pty Ltd to pay \$55,000 (including GST) in cash and the balance by issuing 200,000 options in the parent entity as full and final settlement of the invoice subject to the compliance with the Corporations Act 2001. The strike price of the options has been determined to be \$0.35 and the exercise date is set at 25 August 2008. In case the options could not be granted under the Corporations Act 2001, the balance of \$166,036 (including GST) will have to be paid in cash.

NOTE 25: STOCK EXCHANGE OF NEWCASTLE LIMITED FIDELITY FUND

As at 30 June 2003 the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited Fidelity Fund had a balance of \$193,415 (2002 - \$227,234). The Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited is the trustee of the fund and the assets of the fund can only be used for the purposes prescribed in the Corporations Act 2001.

NOTE 26: RELIANCE ON AUSTRALIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LIMITED TECHNOLOGY

The ability of the Stock Exchange of Newcastle Limited to conduct its operations is heavily reliant upon the capability and reliability of the trading and settlement systems, which are licensed to the company by the Australian Stock Exchange Limited.

A significant and sustained failure of those systems would have a materially detrimental effect on the economic entity's short-term results, which in turn could undermine the longer term confidence in the economic entity.

NOTE 27: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In August 2003 the company has issued 2,000,000 fully paid ordinary shares at \$0.35 each to two new shareholders raising \$700,000. The two directors of these shareholders will be appointed as directors of the company and its controlled entities subject to ASIC approval.

NOTE 28: COMPANY DETAILS

The registered office and principal place of business is:

380 - 384 Hunter Street Newcastle NSW 2300

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the company declare that:

- 1. the financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 25 are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2003 and of the performance for the year ended on that date of the company and economic entity;
- 2. in the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Signed for and on behalf of the directors:

Warwick Williams Evans Director Francis Markham Menzies

Director

Dated this day of 2003

NSX LIMITED ABN 11 000 902 063 AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NSX LIMITED

Scope

We have audited the financial report of the NSX Limited for the year ended 30 June 2003 as set out on pages 5 to 26. The financial report includes the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at year's end. The company's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia and statutory requirements so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

The firm was not the auditor for the previous financial year, therefore the comparatives were not subject to audit by us. Because of the existence of this limitation on the scope of our audit, we are not in a position to, and do not, express an opinion on the comparative figures in these financial statements and in as much as they affect the current year's results and cash flows.

Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, having regard to the above qualification, the financial report of NSX Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Act 2001, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and economic entity's financial position as at 30 June 2003 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards in Australia and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
- (b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements

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LAWLER PARTNERSChartered Accountants
Dated this day of

T H LAWLER Partner