

Shareholder information

Annual general meeting

The annual general meeting will be held at 11.00 am on Thursday, 22nd July 2004 at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Broad Sanctuary, Westminster, London. Each shareholder is entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, the arrangements for which are described in a separate notice.

The proposed date of the annual general meeting next year is 21st July 2005.

Dividend payments

The proposed final dividend (if approved) will be paid on 13th August 2004 to shareholders registered on 11th June 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 5.00 pm on 23rd July 2004.

The expected dividend payment dates for the year to 31st March 2005 are:

Interim dividend	February 2005
Final dividend	August 2005

Results

For the year to 31st March 2005:

Interim results announced	November 2004
Interim statement circulated	November 2004
Preliminary announcement of full year results	May 2005
Annual report circulated	June 2005

Capital gains tax

For capital gains tax purposes, the market price of the company's ordinary shares of 25p each on 31st March 1982 was 112.5p.

Low cost share dealing services

Details of special low cost dealing services in the company's shares may be obtained from:

– **Hoare Govett Limited** (Tel: 020 7678 8300)

Hoare Govett Limited are regulated by the Financial Services Authority and are a member of the London Stock Exchange and have approved the references to themselves solely for the purposes of section 21(2)(b) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 only.

Registrar and transfer office

Computershare Investor Services PLC, PO Box 82, The Pavilions, Bridgwater Road, Bristol BS99 7NH.
Tel: 0870 702 0148.

Company secretary and registered office

M J Oliver, Boots Group PLC, Nottingham NG2 3AA. Tel: 0115 950 6111.

Boots Group PLC is registered in England and Wales (No. 4452715).

Analysis of shareholders at 31st March 2004:

Shareholding range	Number	%	Total holding	%
1–500	45,235	42.37	9,996,773	1.29
501–1,000	24,496	22.94	18,564,901	2.40
1,001–10,000	34,739	32.54	87,359,164	11.26
10,001–100,000	1,746	1.64	45,545,966	5.87
100,001–1,000,000	424	0.40	138,393,797	17.83
Over 1,000,000	122	0.11	476,046,996	61.35
	106,762	100.00	775,907,597	100.00

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