

Balance Sheets

at 31st December 1999

	notes	THE GROUP		PARENT COMPANY	
		1999 £000	1998 £000	1999 £000	1998 £000
Fixed assets					
Intangible assets	14	4,484	4,404	-	-
Tangible assets	15	84,668	81,067	233	233
Investments	16	-	-	54,875	51,192
		89,152	85,471	55,108	51,425
Current assets					
Stocks	17	57,799	53,561	-	-
Debtors	18	76,884	76,186	12,167	6,557
Cash deposits and short term investments	19	22,863	36,441	6,500	25,500
Cash at bank and in hand		2,345	5,102	-	603
		159,891	171,290	18,667	32,660
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	20	(70,128)	(69,743)	(12,910)	(15,696)
Net current assets		89,763	101,547	5,757	16,964
Total assets less current liabilities		178,915	187,018	60,865	68,389
Creditors					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	21	(39,960)	(40,995)	(643)	(643)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	23	(10,218)	(9,827)	-	-
Net assets	24	128,737	136,196	60,222	67,746
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	25	18,751	19,791	18,751	19,791
Capital redemption reserve	26	1,416	290	1,416	290
Share premium account	26	31,263	29,982	31,263	29,982
Revaluation reserve	26	4,558	4,520	-	-
Profit and loss account	26	69,775	79,261	8,792	17,683
Shareholders' funds - equity		125,763	133,844	60,222	67,746
Minority interests - equity		2,974	2,352	-	-
		128,737	136,196	60,222	67,746

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13th March 2000 and signed on its behalf by:

Directors

M.J.D. Steel

D.J. Meredith