

GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Six months to 30th June 1999	Six months to 30th June 1998 (Restated)	Year ended 31st December 1998
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Operating profit	19,083	14,389	32,283
Depreciation charges	5,435	5,374	10,498
Increase in stocks	(2,653)	(3,329)	1,020
Increase in debtors	(4,583)	1,904	580
Increase in creditors and provisions	1,327	(866)	(5,411)
Cash flow from operating activities	18,609	17,472	38,970
Net interest paid	(427)	(69)	(97)
Dividends paid by subsidiary undertakings to minority interests	(196)	(242)	(571)
Taxation	(5,919)	(5,813)	(13,664)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(5,708)	(8,307)	(17,296)
Sales of plant and machinery	185	345	904
Acquisitions	(1,111)	(3,577)	(5,432)
Equity dividends paid	(9,083)	(4,784)	(8,797)
Cash outflow before use of liquid resources and financing	(3,650)	(4,975)	(5,983)
Management of liquid resources	5,624	(2,816)	360
	1,974	(7,791)	(5,623)
Financing - Issue of ordinary share capital	1,251	1,063	1,322
Share buy-back	(8,373)	-	(6,142)
Decrease in debt	(2,442)	3,903	3,757
	(9,564)	4,966	(1,063)
Decrease in cash in the period	(7,590)	(2,825)	(6,686)
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT			
Decrease in cash in the period	(7,590)	(2,825)	(6,686)
Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing	2,442	(3,903)	(3,757)
Cash inflow from decrease in liquid resources	(5,624)	2,816	(360)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(10,772)	(3,912)	(10,803)
Realised gain on gilt	-	21	18
Amortisation of loan expenses	(12)	-	(23)
Translation difference	726	222	(1,652)
Movement in net debt in the period	(10,058)	(3,669)	(12,460)
Opening net debt	(16,098)	(3,638)	(3,638)
Closing net debt	(26,156)	(7,307)	(16,098)