

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	Six months to 30th June 1999 £'000	Six months to 30th June 1998		Year ended 31st Dec 1998 £'000	
		£'000	(Restated) £'000		£'000
		Before exceptional item	Exceptional item (note 4)	After exceptional item	After exceptional item
Turnover	126,511	122,787	-	122,787	249,030
Operating profit	19,083	20,189	(5,800)	14,389	32,283
Provision for loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	-	(1,600)	(1,600)	(1,479)
Profit before interest	19,083	20,189	(7,400)	12,789	30,804
Interest payable less receivable	(469)	(121)	-	(121)	(163)
Profit before taxation	18,614	20,068	(7,400)	12,668	30,641
Taxation (note 5)	(6,142)	(6,741)	1,900	(4,841)	(10,501)
Profit after taxation	12,472	13,327	(5,500)	7,827	20,140
Minority interests - equity	(439)	(411)	-	(411)	(917)
Attributable profit	12,033	12,916	(5,500)	7,416	19,223
Dividends	(4,031)	(4,011)	-	(4,011)	(13,116)
Retained profit	8,002	8,905	(5,500)	3,405	6,107
Earnings per share (note 6)					
before exceptional item	15.3p	16.2p	-	-	34.5p
after exceptional item	15.3p	-	-	9.3p	24.1p
Dividends per share	5.2p	5.0p	-	5.0p	16.5p

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GROUP STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

	Six months to 30th June 1999 £'000	Six months to 30th June 1998 (Restated) £'000	Year ended 31st Dec 1998 £'000
Profit for the period	12,033	7,416	19,223
Currency translation difference on foreign currency net investments	(400)	(648)	2,116
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	11,633	6,768	21,339