

Group Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st December 2001

	notes	2001 £000	2000 £000
Turnover	2	291,942	278,148
Operating costs	3	(251,139)	(234,778)
Operating profit	5	40,803	43,370
Profit/(loss) on disposal of fixed assets	6	616	(990)
Profit before interest		41,419	42,380
Net interest payable	7	(2,778)	(2,213)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	8	38,641	40,167
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	10	(11,926)	(12,867)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		26,715	27,300
Minority interests - equity		(585)	(933)
Profit for the financial year	11	26,130	26,367
Dividends	12	(13,752)	(13,301)
Retained profit for the financial year	26	12,378	13,066
Earnings per share	13		
Before the disposal of fixed assets		34.6p	37.4p
After the disposal of fixed assets		35.4p	35.4p
Earnings per share (diluted)	13		
Before the disposal of fixed assets		34.5p	37.3p
After the disposal of fixed assets		35.4p	35.3p
Dividends per share	12	18.6p	18.0p

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 34 to 49 form an integral part of the accounts.

The historical cost profit is not materially different from the reported profit for 2000 or 2001.