

GROUP INCOME STATEMENT

for the year ended 31st December 2005

	<i>notes</i>	2005 £000	2004 £000
Revenue	2	349,100	315,991
Operating costs	3	(293,930)	(268,035)
Operating profit	2	55,170	47,956
Financial expenses		(11,450)	(10,920)
Financial income		12,378	10,933
Net financing income	5	928	13
Share of profit of associates		861	735
Profit before taxation	6	56,959	48,704
Taxation	8	(18,772)	(16,262)
Profit for the period		38,187	32,442
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		38,036	32,314
Minority interest		151	128
Profit for the period		38,187	32,442
Earnings per share	10		
Basic earnings per share		50.0p	43.1p
Diluted earnings per share		49.6p	42.7p
Dividends	11		
Dividends per share		23.8p	21.4p
Dividends paid during the year (per share)		21.9p	20.4p

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 42 to 77 form an integral part of the accounts.