

Group income statement

for the year ended 31st December 2006

	<i>notes</i>	2006 £000	2005 £000
Revenue	2	384,249	349,100
Operating costs	3	(322,308)	(293,930)
Operating profit	2	61,941	55,170
Financial expenses		(11,722)	(11,450)
Financial income		13,757	12,378
Net financing income	5	2,035	928
Share of profit of associates		1,368	861
Profit before taxation	6	65,344	56,959
Taxation	8	(21,278)	(18,772)
Profit for the period		44,066	38,187
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent		43,919	38,036
Minority interest		147	151
Profit for the period		44,066	38,187
Earnings per share	10		
Basic earnings per share		57.7p	50.0p
Diluted earnings per share		57.1p	49.6p
Dividends	11		
Dividends per share		26.5p	23.8p
Dividends paid during the year (per share)		24.5p	21.9p

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 50 to 79 form an integral part of the accounts.