

Group income statement

for the year ended 31st December 2007

		Before			Before		
		Adjustment	Adj't*	Total	Adjustment	Adj't*	Total
		2007	2007	2007	2006	2006	2006
	notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenue	2	417,317	-	417,317	384,249	-	384,249
Operating costs	3	(348,597)	(384)	(348,981)	(321,958)	(350)	(322,308)
Operating profit	2	68,720	(384)	68,336	62,291	(350)	61,941
Financial expenses		(13,248)	-	(13,248)	(11,722)	-	(11,722)
Financial income		15,688	-	15,688	13,757	-	13,757
Net financing income	5	2,440	-	2,440	2,035	-	2,035
Share of profit of associates		1,636	(249)	1,387	1,368	-	1,368
Profit before taxation	6	72,796	(633)	72,163	65,694	(350)	65,344
Taxation	8	(22,973)	-	(22,973)	(21,278)	-	(21,278)
Profit for the period		49,823	(633)	49,190	44,416	(350)	44,066
Attributable to:							
Equity holders of the parent		49,734	(633)	49,101	44,269	(350)	43,919
Minority interest		89	-	89	147	-	147
Profit for the period		49,823	(633)	49,190	44,416	(350)	44,066
Earnings per share	10						
Basic earnings per share				64.7p			57.7p
Diluted earnings per share				64.4p			57.1p
Dividends	11						
Dividends per share				29.9p			26.5p
Dividends paid during the year (per share)				27.3p			24.5p

* Amortisation of acquisition-related intangibles. Total 2007 is £633,000 (2006: £350,000) of which £249,000 relates to Associates (2006: nil). On this basis, the basic earnings per share for 2007 is 65.5p (2006: 58.1p).

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

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