

Group income statement

for the year ended 31st December 2008

		Before Adjustment	Adj't*	Total	Before Adjustment	Adj't*	Total
	<i>notes</i>	2008	2008	2008	2007	2007	2007
		£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenue	2	502,316	-	502,316	417,317	-	417,317
Operating costs	3	(416,647)	(4,641)	(421,288)	(348,597)	(384)	(348,981)
Operating profit	2	85,669	(4,641)	81,028	68,720	(384)	68,336
Financial expenses		(14,805)	-	(14,805)	(13,248)	-	(13,248)
Financial income		16,541	-	16,541	15,688	-	15,688
Net financing income	5	1,736	-	1,736	2,440	-	2,440
Share of profit of associates		2,741	(343)	2,398	1,636	(249)	1,387
Profit before taxation	6	90,146	(4,984)	85,162	72,796	(633)	72,163
Taxation	8	(26,257)	883	(25,374)	(22,973)	-	(22,973)
Profit for the period		63,889	(4,101)	59,788	49,823	(633)	49,190
Attributable to:							
Equity holders of the parent		63,648	(4,101)	59,547	49,734	(633)	49,101
Minority interest		241	-	241	89	-	89
Profit for the period		63,889	(4,101)	59,788	49,823	(633)	49,190
Earnings per share	10						
Basic earnings per share				78.0p			64.7p
Diluted earnings per share				77.7p			64.4p
Dividends	11						
Dividends per share				33.3p			29.9p
Dividends paid during the year (per share)				31.6p			27.3p

* Amortisation of acquisition-related intangible assets of £1,884,000 (2007: £633,000) of which £343,000 (2007: £249,000) relates to Associates, and the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets of £3,100,000 (2007: nil). The tax effects on these items was £883,000 (2007: nil). Before these adjustments, the basic earnings per share for 2008 is 83.4p (2007: 65.5p).

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 56 to 85 form an integral part of the accounts.