

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

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		52 weeks to 1 April 2000				1999
	Notes	Before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	Exceptional items	Goodwill amortisation	Total	53 weeks Total
Turnover	1	<u>233,485</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>233,485</u>	<u>217,758</u>
Operating profit before goodwill amortisation		43,419	-	-	43,419	40,777
Goodwill amortisation		-	-	(1,283)	(1,283)	(276)
Operating profit	3	<u>43,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,283)</u>	<u>42,136</u>	<u>40,501</u>
Exceptional items	4					
Costs of closure and sale of businesses		-	(3,036)	-	(3,036)	-
Related goodwill adjustment		-	(4,732)	-	(4,732)	-
Loss on closure and sale of businesses		-	(7,768)	-	(7,768)	-
		<u>43,419</u>	<u>(7,768)</u>	<u>(1,283)</u>	<u>34,368</u>	<u>40,501</u>
Interest	7	<u>332</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>332</u>	<u>1,046</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1	<u>43,751</u>	<u>(7,768)</u>	<u>(1,283)</u>	<u>34,700</u>	<u>41,547</u>
Taxation	8	<u>(13,341)</u>	<u>648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(12,693)</u>	<u>(12,959)</u>
Profit for the financial year		<u>30,410</u>	<u>(7,120)</u>	<u>(1,283)</u>	<u>22,007</u>	<u>28,588</u>
Dividends						
Preference dividends					(21)	(38)
Ordinary dividends	9				<u>(14,413)</u>	<u>(12,021)</u>
					<u>(14,434)</u>	<u>(12,059)</u>
Profit transferred to reserves	10				<u>7,573</u>	<u>16,529</u>
Earnings per ordinary share before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	2				8.41p	7.99p
Earnings per ordinary share	2				6.08p	7.91p
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	2				6.07p	7.88p

The notes on pages 47 to 63 form part of these Accounts.