

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

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	Notes	2000 52 weeks	1999 53 weeks
Cash flow from operating activities	22	47,369	42,972
Return on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		1,107	1,690
Interest paid		(529)	(632)
Preference dividends paid		(21)	(57)
		<u>557</u>	<u>1,001</u>
Taxation			
Current taxation paid		(16,317)	(10,998)
Capital expenditure			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,298)	(6,960)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		<u>1,118</u>	<u>796</u>
		<u>(7,180)</u>	<u>(6,164)</u>
Acquisitions and disposals			
Acquisition of businesses	22	(25,730)	(14,622)
Cash and overdrafts acquired		377	822
Sale of businesses		1,107	282
Overdrafts sold		<u>313</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>(23,933)</u>	<u>(13,518)</u>
Equity dividends paid		(12,977)	(10,795)
		<u>(12,481)</u>	<u>2,498</u>
Management of liquid resources			
Decrease/(increase) in short-term deposits	22	10,509	(7,282)
Financing			
Issue of ordinary share capital		252	334
Purchase and repayment of shares	10	(2,688)	-
Increase in loans		<u>6,257</u>	<u>3,312</u>
		<u>3,821</u>	<u>3,646</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash	22	<u>1,849</u>	<u>(1,138)</u>