

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

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	Notes	52 weeks to 31 March 2001		Total	2000 52 weeks Total
		Before goodwill amortisation	Goodwill amortisation		
Turnover	1	268,322	–	268,322	233,485
Operating profit before goodwill amortisation		49,703	–	49,703	43,419
Goodwill amortisation		–	(1,964)	(1,964)	(1,283)
Operating profit	3	49,703	(1,964)	47,739	42,136
Exceptional items					
Costs of closure and sale of businesses		–	–	–	(3,036)
Related goodwill adjustment		–	–	–	(4,732)
Loss on closure and sale of businesses		–	–	–	(7,768)
		49,703	(1,964)	47,739	34,368
Interest	6	(5)	–	(5)	332
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1	49,698	(1,964)	47,734	34,700
Taxation	7	(15,379)	448	(14,931)	(12,693)
Profit for the financial year		34,319	(1,516)	32,803	22,007
Dividends					
Preference dividends				–	(21)
Ordinary dividends	8			(16,580)	(14,413)
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Profit transferred to reserves	9			16,223	7,573
Earnings per ordinary share before goodwill amortisation and exceptional items	2			9.52p	8.41p
Earnings per ordinary share	2			9.10p	6.08p
Diluted earnings per ordinary share	2			9.08p	6.07p

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