

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the six months ended 30th September 2003

	Notes	Six months to				Year to
		30.9.03	30.9.03	30.9.02 Before goodwill amortisation restated £ million	30.9.02	31.3.03
		Before goodwill amortisation £ million	Total £ million		Total restated £ million	Total restated £ million
Turnover	3	2,164.7	2,164.7	2,246.6	2,246.6	4,323.9
Operating profit	5					
Before goodwill amortisation		102.9	102.9	91.0	91.0	188.7
Goodwill amortisation		-	(9.9)	-	(4.8)	(13.7)
Before exceptional items		102.9	93.0	91.0	86.2	175.0
Exceptional items		-	-	-	-	(7.4)
Group operating profit		102.9	93.0	91.0	86.2	167.6
Share of profit in associates		0.2	0.2	-	-	0.5
Share of exceptional items in associates		-	-	-	-	(0.2)
Total operating profit	5	103.1	93.2	91.0	86.2	167.9
Profit on sale of continuing operations		-	-	-	-	4.9
Profit on ordinary activities before interest		103.1	93.2	91.0	86.2	172.8
Net interest		(8.5)	(8.5)	(4.3)	(4.3)	(13.2)
Net return on retirement benefits assets and liabilities	6	2.9	2.9	7.0	7.0	13.9
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		97.5	87.6	93.7	88.9	173.5
Taxation	7	(29.2)	(28.0)	(27.8)	(27.8)	(53.7)
Profit after taxation		68.3	59.6	65.9	61.1	119.8
Minority interests		0.9	0.9	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.4
Profit attributable to shareholders		69.2	60.5	65.7	60.9	120.2
Dividends	8	(17.9)	(17.9)	(17.0)	(17.0)	(55.5)
Retained profit		51.3	42.6	48.7	43.9	64.7
		pence	pence	restated pence	restated pence	restated pence
Earnings per ordinary share (EPS)						
Basic	9		27.8		28.1	55.4
Diluted	9		27.7		27.9	55.1
EPS before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation						
Basic	9	31.8		30.4		61.8
Diluted	9	31.7		30.1		61.4
Dividend per ordinary share	8	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.8	25.5