STONE & COMPANY (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED (formerly STONE & COMPANY (BRISTOL) LIMITED)

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31st December 1998

Richards & Co. Chartered Accountants Bristol



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OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

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REGISTERED NUMBER

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report and the accounts for the year ended 31st December 1998.

CHANGE OF NAME

The company changed its name from Stone & Company (Bristol) Limited to Stone & Company (Investments) Limited on 11th October 1999.

ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the group was that of building contractors, estate developers and private house builders. The principal activity of the company was that of building contractors, estate developers and private house builders until it ceased to trade on 29th March 1999.

The group profit for the year after taxation amounted to £54,637 (1997: £939,573).

The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid and that after deducting interim dividends paid of £132,521 the resultant balance of £77,884 be deducted from reserves. The preference shareholders have waived their entitlement to a dividend.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements of fixed assets are set out in the notes to the accounts.

The directors are of the opinion that the market value of the freehold land and buildings not held as trading stock is in excess of the balance sheet value. However they do not consider that the expense of a professional revaluation is warranted.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

in respect of the preparation of financial statements.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently; make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue to operate; and prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS continued

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors at 31st December 1998 and their interests in the capital of the company were:-

	Ordinary shares		Preferenc	e shares				
	at at		at at at		at at at		at	at
	31.12.98	1.1.98	31.12.98	1.1.98				
C.J. Setter	7,725	7,725	16,382	16,382				
M.P. Setter	7,725	7,725	16,381	16,381				
C.J. & M.P. Setter joint non-beneficial holding	6,500	6,500	86,200	86,200				

In addition J.B. Setter served as a director until his death on 28th June 1998.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Messrs. Richards & Co., have indicated their willingness to accept re-appointment under Section 384 (1) of the Companies Act 1985.

By order of the Board

M.P. SETTER Mi amel Mari

Secretary 18th October 1999

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

to the members of Stone & Company (Investments) Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 20 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 10.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 31st December 1998 and of the result of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

RICHARDS & CO.

Registered Auditors, Chartered Accountants,

Bristol.

18th October 1999

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STONE & COMPANY (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31st December 1998

	Notes	Continuing operations £	1998 Discontinued operations	Total £	Continuing operations £	1997 Discontinued operations £	Total £
TURNOVER Direct expenses GROSS PROFIT	6	6,392,866 (5,879,502) 513,364	2,164,876 (491,274) 1,673,602	8,557,742 (6,370,776) 2,186,966	3,192,245 (2,787,991) 404,254	5,136,141 (3,244,287) 1,891,854	8,328,386 (6,032,278) 2,296,108
Administrative expenses Other operating income OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	m	(283,417) 8,753 238,700	(2,168,832)	$\frac{(2,452,249)}{8,753}$ $\overline{(256,530)}$	(374,865) 10,469 39,858	(1,138,398)	(1,513,263) 10,469 793,314
Interest receivable and similar income PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4			305,071			193,534
Taxation	7			960'9			(47,275)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR Dividends	∞			54,637 (132,521)	,		939,573
RETAINED PROFIT (LOSS) FOR YEAR				(77,884)			939,573

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES For the year ended 31st December 1998

	Comp	any	Gro	Group	
	1998	1997	1998	1997	
	£	£	£	£	
Profit for the financial year	1,797	902,796	54,637	939,573	
Dividends paid	(132,521)	•	(132,521)	-	
Redemption of share capital	-	(277,604)	-	(277,604)	
Dividends received from group companies	-	699,968	-		
Profit on disposal of shares in group companies	-	147,446	-	-	
Reduction in capital reserve on consolidation	-	-	-	344	
Total recognised gains and losses relating to					
the year	(130,724)	1,472,606	(77,884)	662,313	
RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS					
	1,797	902,796	54,837	939,573	
Profit for the financial year Dividends paid	(132,521)	902,790	(132,521)	737,373	
Other recognised gains and losses relating	(152,521)	"	(132,321)	_	
to the year	-	(277,604)	-	(277,604)	
Redemption of share capital Dividends received from group companies	-	699,968	_	(277,004)	
Profit on disposal of shares in group companies	_	147,446	_	_	
		147,440			
Net addition to (reduction of) shareholders funds	(130,724)	1,472,606	(77,884)	661,969	
Opening shareholders funds	3,156,565	1,683,959	3,185,789	2,523,820	
				3,185,789	
Closing shareholders funds	3,025,841	3,156,565	3,107,905	3,163,769	

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1998

		1998	1997
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	158,740	218,062
Investments	10	23,778	59,683
		182,518	277,745
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	321,876	296,436
Debtors	12	521,406	· · ·
Investments	13	-	542,203
Cash at bank and in hand		3,196,883	
		4,040,165	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(1,103,085)	(2,213,676)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,937,080	2,937,848
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,119,598	3,215,593
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year			
Instalments due on hire purchase contracts	15	(4,693)	(844)
		3,114,905	3,214,749
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	16	(7,000)	
		3,107,905	3,185,789
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital			
(including non-equity interests)	17	157,121	157,121
Capital redemption reserve		158,479	158,479
Capital reserve on consolidation		1,356	•
Profit and loss account	18	2,790,949	2,868,833
Shareholders funds		3,107,905	3,185,789

Signed on behalf of the Board

C.J. SETTER

) Directors

M.P. SETTER)

Dated: 18th October 1999

BALANCE SHEET AT 31ST DECEMBER 1998

		1998	1997
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	9	58,871	101,908
Investments	10	95,872	131,777
		154,743	233,685
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	11	11,599	165,702
Debtors	12	177,740	2,722,082
Investments	13	-	542,203
Cash at bank and in hand		3,004,313	724,524
		3,193,652	4,154,511
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	(322,554)	(1,209,387)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		2,871,098	2,945,124
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,025,841	3,178,809
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one	e year		
Instalments due on hire purchase contracts	15	-	(844)
•		3,025,841	3,177,965
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	16	- · · ·	(21,400)
		3,025,841	3,156,565
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			-
Called up share capital			
(including non-equity interests)	17	157,121	157,121
Capital redemption reserve		158,479	158,479
Profit and loss account	18	2,710,241	2,840,965
Shareholders funds		3,025,841	3,156,565
			

Signed on behalf of the Board

C.J. SETTER

M.P. SETTER)

Dated: 18th October 1999

Directors

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENTFor the year ended 31st December 1998

			1998		1997
	Notes	£	£	£	£
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	21		1,583,086		1,028,711
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE					
Interest received		215,843		57,685	
Income from fixed asset investments		9,271		12,972	:
Income from listed investments		16,699	241,813	19,080	89,737
TAXATION				- ·	
Corporation tax (paid) received			(20.566)		2 407
corporation tax (paid) received			(39,566)		2,407
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT					
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(8,206)		(13,000)	
Receipts from disposal of tangible fixed assets		39,800		117,173	1
Payments to acquire fixed asset investments		-		(23,778)	
Receipts from disposal of fixed asset investment	nts	58,970	90,564	1,429	81,824
EQUITY DIVIDENDS PAID			(132,521)	_	-
REDEMPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL			-		(277,604)
CASH INFLOW BEFORE USE OF LIQUID			<u> </u>		
RESOURCES AND FINANCING			1,743,376		925,075
MANAGEMENT OF LIQUID RESOURCES					
Net disposal (acquisition) of current asset inves	stments		542,203		(290,563)
			,		
FINANCING					
Hire purchase advances		7,678		-	
Capital element of hire purchase repayments		(9,553)		(7,464)	
		·	(1,875)		(7,464)
INCREASE IN CASH	22		2,283,704		627,048
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounts

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Consolidation

The consolidated accounts incorporate the accounts of the company and its subsidiary companies. In accordance with Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985 a separate profit and loss account of Stone & Company (Investments) Limited is not presented, as the results of the company are included in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amount receivable by the group, excluding taxes, on sales and services provided to third parties and includes progress billings in respect of work in progress.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all fixed assets, other than freehold land and buildings, at rates calculated to write them off over their estimated useful lives, after taking account of estimated residual values as follows:

Plant and equipment

- over periods from three to six years

Motor vehicles

- over three years

No depreciation has been provided on freehold land and buildings as their residual values are expected to be in excess of cost.

Stock and work in progress

Housing, short term contracts and inventories are valued at the lower of cost, including overheads, and net realisable value.

Long term contracts are valued at cost plus attributable overheads and proportion of estimated profit earned to date less foreseeable losses.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes.

Leasing

Tangible fixed assets acquired under hire purchase contracts are capitalised and depreciated in the same manner as other tangible fixed assets. The related obligations, net of future finance charges are included in creditors.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2. TURNOVER

Turnover relates to the group activities in the United Kingdom.

	1998	1997
	£	£
3. GROUP OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		-
is stated after accounting for:		
•	26 916	50.027
Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under hire purchase contracts	26,816 912	50,027 6,000
Auditors remuneration - audit services	9,675	9,320
- taxation and accounting services	4,500	6,500
Rent receivable	(8,753)	(10,469)
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	(5,409)
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4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
Bank and building society interest	215,843	57,685
Income from fixed asset investments	9,271	12,972
Income from listed investments	16,699	19,080
Profit on disposal of listed investments	40,193	548
Provision for increase in market value of listed investments	-	45,796
Profit on disposal of fixed asset investments	23,065	866
(Deficit) on revaluation of fixed asset investments	-	(13,333)
Profit on disposal of freehold property	-	69,920
	305,071	193,534
5. STAFF COSTS	 	==
Wages and salaries	1,039,312	1,549,170
Social security costs	95,241	•
Other pension costs	1,491,094	•
Other pension costs	2,625,647	1,716,843
The average monthly number of employees during the year		
was made up as follows:		
was made up as follows.	No.	No.
Manual	24	34
Office and management	16	25
Office and management	40	59
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STONE & COMPANY (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

				1998	1997
				£	£
6.	DIRECTORS EMOLUMENTS				
	Aggregate emoluments	uution		373,737	675,973
	Aggregate contributions to defined contribution schemes	oution		1,466,594	10,377
	Periodical delication				
				1,840,331	686,350
	Retirement benefits are accruing to two dis under defined contributions schemes	rectors			
	The above details include the following an respect of the highest paid director:	nounts in			
	Aggregate emoluments Aggregate contributions to defined contrib	outions		285,911	437,201
	pension scheme			750,990	5,189
				1,038,901	442,390
7.	TAXATION				
••	Based on the result for the year				
	Corporation tax			15,864	32,965
	Deferred taxation			(21,960)	15,305
				(6,096)	48,270
	Taxation overprovided in previous years				(005)
	Deferred taxation - change of rate			-	(995)
				(6,096)	47,275
8.	DIVIDENDS				
	Ordinary - paid			132,521	-
9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
		Freehold land and	Motor	Plant and	
		buildings	vehicles	equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
	GROUP				
	Cost:	100 100	22221		
	At 1st January 1998 Additions	127,480	228,216 8,206	64,525	420,221 8,206
	Disposals	-	(110,736)	(9,109)	(119,845)
	At 31st December 1998	127,480	125,686	55,416	308,582
	At 31st December 1996	127,400	123,000		300,302
	Depreciation:				
	At 1st January 1998	430	154,529	47,200	202,159
	Charge for the year	-	17,528	10,200	27,728
	Disposals		(70,936)	(9,109)	(80,045)
	At 31st December 1998		101,121	48,291	149,842
	Net book value at 1st January 1998	127,050	73,687	17,325	218,062
	Net book value at 31st December 1998	127,050	24,565	7,125	158,740

STONE & COMPANY (INVESTMENTS) LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

9.	TANGIBLE FIXED	ASSETS continued
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	Freehold land and buildings £	Motor vehicles	Plant and equipment	Total £
COMPANY				
Cost:				
At 1st January 1998	38,150	169,285	48,994	256,429
Disposals		(74,370)	(6,791)	(81,161)
At 31st December 1998	38,150	94,915	42,203	175,268
Depreciation:				
At 1st January 1998	-	117,575	36,946	154,521
Charge for the year	_	10,373	5,564	15,937
Disposals		(47,270)	(6,791)	(54,061)
At 31st December 1998		80,678	35,719	116,397
Net book value at 1st January 1998	38,150	51,710	12,048	101,908
Net book value at 31st December 1998	38,150	14,237	6,484	58,871

Included in the amounts for motor vehicles above are the following amounts relating to assets acquired under hire purchase contracts:

	Group £	Company £
Cost:		
At 1st January 1998	27,000	27,000
At 31st December 1998	8,206	
Accumulated depreciation:		
At 1st January 1998	15,000	15,000
At 31st December 1998	912	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

10. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Subsidiary companies £	Ground rents £	Total £
GROUP			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1st January 1998		59,683	59,683
Disposals		(35,905)	(35,905)
At 31st December 1998		23,778	23,778
COMPANY			
Cost or valuation:			
At 1st January 1998	72,094	59,683	131,777
Disposals		(35,905)	(35,905)
At 31st December 1998	72,094	23,778	95,872

SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

The company holds 100% of the allotted share capital of each of the following subsidiaries, all of which are incorporated in England:

Trading	Activity
Stone B.C.I. Limited	Interior and refurbishment contractors
Western Contractors Services Limited	Warehousemen
Non trading	
Stone & Company (Bristol) Limited	Dormant
Stone South Limited	Dormant
Stone Western Limited	Dormant

11. STOCKS				
		1998		1997
	£	£	£	£
GROUP				
Building land		11,599		9,747
Work in progress	1,477,910		3,183,323	
Less: payments on account	(1,167,633)		(2,896,634)	
		310,277		286,689
		321,876		296,436
COMPANY				
Building land		11,599	1 050 050	9,747
Work in progress	-		1,973,278	
Less: payments on account			(1,817,323)	
				155,955
		11,599		165,702
12. DEBTORS				
			1998	1997
			£	£
GROUP				
Trade debtors			420,141	3,323,511
Other debtors			83,419	50,000
Prepayments and accrued income			17,846	26,195
* •			521,406	3,399,706
				=
COMPANY				
Trade debtors			36,966	2,652,952
Amounts owed by group companies			48,881	-
Other debtors			83,419	
Prepayments and accrued income			8,474	
			177,740	2,722,082
			<u></u>	
Other debtors of the group and company amounts of £83,419 (1997 : £Nil) not du one year.				
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13. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
	1998	1997
	£	£
GROUP AND COMPANY		
Listed investments:		
Cost:		
At 1st January 1998	459,353	214,586
Additions	70,510	394,685
Disposals	(529,863)	(149,918)
At 31st December 1998	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	459,353
Provision for increase in market value	_	82,850
Market value at 31st December 1998		542,203
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14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
GROUP		
Current instalments due on hire purchase		
contracts (Note 15)	2,412	8,136
Trade creditors	880,068	•
Current corporation tax	97,947	38,230
Other taxes and social security	36,220	148,056
Accruals and other creditors	86,438	760,890
	1,103,085	2,213,676
COMPANY		
Current instalments due on hire purchase		
contracts (Note 15)	_	8,136
Trade creditors	116,212	411,754
Amounts owed to group companies	77,614	12,614
Current corporation tax	82,376	32,467
Other taxes and social security	7,575	24,138
Accruals and other creditors	38,777	720,278
	322,554	1,209,387

	Company	Group
	£	£
5. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS		
Year ended 31st December 1999	-	2,85
Year ended 31st December 2000	-	2,85
Year ended 31st December 2001		2,14
		7,86
Less: Finance charges allocated to future periods	-	(75)
		7,10
Hire purchase advances shown as:		
Current obligations (Note 14)		2,41
Non-current obligations	<u></u>	4,69
		7,10
	1998	199
	£	£
6. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		
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DEFERRED TAXATION		
DEFERRED TAXATION		
DEFERRED TAXATION GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:-	28,960	14,65
DEFERRED TAXATION GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998	-	
DEFERRED TAXATION GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year	(21,960)	14,31
GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year Balance at 31st December 1998	-	14,31
GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year Balance at 31st December 1998 COMPANY	(21,960)	14,65 14,31 28,96
GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year Balance at 31st December 1998	(21,960)	14,31
GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year Balance at 31st December 1998 COMPANY	(21,960)	14,31 28,96
GROUP Movements in the year are as follows:- Balance at 1st January 1998 Charge (credit) for year Balance at 31st December 1998 COMPANY Movements in the year are as follows:-	(21,960) 7,000	14,31

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

16. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES continued

DEFERRED TAXATION continued

Deferred taxation liability (asset) included in the accounts and the potential amounts, including the amounts for which provision has been made, is as follows:-

	1998		1997	
	Provided	Potential	Provided	Potential
	£	£	£	£
GROUP				
Accelerated capital allowances	7,000	7,000	7,560	(10,615)
Trading losses	-	-	-	(4,200)
Increase in market value of				
listed investments	•	-	21,400	21,400
	7,000	7,000	28,960	6,585
		=======================================		
COMPANY				
Accelerated capital allowances	-	-	-	(18,175)
Trading losses	-	•	-	(4,200)
Increase in market value of				
listed investments			21,400	21,400
			21,400	(975)
		= 		
			1998	1997
			No.	No.
17. SHARE CAPITAL				
Authorised				
Equity interests				
Ordinary shares of £1 each			52 500	52 500
53,500 shares			53,500	53,500
Non-equity interests				
Preference shares of £1 each				
271,500 1.75% net cumulative			271,500	271,500
			325,000	325,000
			£	£
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
Equity interests				
Ordinary shares of £1 each			22.050	22.050
22,050 shares			22,050	22,050
Non-equity interests				
Preference shares of £1 each				
135,071 1.75% net cumulative			135,071	135,071
			157,121	157,121
				

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS continued

18. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
	1998	1997
	£	£
GROUP		
Balance at 1st January 1998	2,868,833	2,206,520
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(77,884)	662,313
Balance at 31st December 1998	2,790,949	2,868,833
COMPANY		
Balance at 1st January 1998	2,840,965	1,368,359
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	(130,724)	1,472,606
Balance at 31st December 1998	2,710,241	2,840,965

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

As part of its trading practices the group arranges bank guarantees for performance bonds given to customers. At 31st December 1998 the contingent liability of the group under these bonds amounted to £71,863 (1997: £13,777).

20. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

In accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 8 it is disclosed that C.J. Setter and M.P. Setter control the majority of the voting rights of the ordinary share capital of the company.

During the year the company supplied management and administration services to Stone Ecclesiastical Limited a company under the control of M.P. Setter and of which he is a director to the value of £30,000.

NOTES TO THE GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

			1998	1997
			£	£
21. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFI	r (Loss) to) NET		
CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVI				
Operating profit (loss)			(256,530)	793,314
Depreciation			27,728	•
(Profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets			-	(5,409)
Profit on disposal of listed investments			40,193	,
Provision for increase in value of listed investn	nents		·	45,796
(Increase) decrease in stocks			(25,440)	•
(Increase) decrease in debtors			2,961,719	•
Increase (decrease) in creditors			(1,164,584)	` ' '
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING				
ACTIVITIES			1,583,086	1,028,711
22. RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO)			
MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS				
Increase in cash			2,283,704	627,048
Cash outflow from decrease in hire purchase fir	nancing		1,875	7,464
Cash used to increase (used from decrease) in				,
current asset investments			(542,203)	290,563
Change in net funds			1,743,376	925,075
Net funds at 1st January 1998			1,446,402	•
Net funds at 31st December 1998			3,189,778	
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23. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS				
	At	Cash	Other	At
	31.12.97	flows	changes	31.12.98
	£	£	£	£
	0			
Cash at bank and in hand	913,179	2,283,704	-	3,196,883
Current asset investments	542,203	(542,203)	-	-
Hire purchase repayments due within one year Hire purchase repayments due after more than	(8,136)	9,553	3,829	(2,412)
one year	(844)	(7 679)	(3 920)	(4.602)
one year	(844)	$\frac{(7,678)}{1.742.276}$	_(3,829)	(4,693)
	1,446,402	1,743,376	-	3,189,778