## **RUSSELL CASTINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY** PLATT MALLEABLE CASTINGS LIMITED) **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 31 MARCH 2005



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of directors **NB** Williams

AC Binmore JV Evans MI Johnson A Vicary S C Duckworth

MA Powell

Company secretary S C Duckworth

Registered office Chuckery Foundry

Chuckery Road

Walsall

West Midlands WS1 2DU

**Auditors** Heathcote & Coleman

> **Chartered Accountants** & Registered Auditors Heathcote House 136 Hagley Road

Edgbaston Birmingham B16 9PN

### NOTICE OF MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the company will be held at 12.00 noon on 29 July 2005 at the registered office.

- 1. To receive and adopt the directors' report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.
- 2. To appoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors and to authorise the directors to fix their remuneration.

Registered office:

By order of the Board

Chuckery Foundry Chuckery Road Walsall West Midlands WS1 2DU

S C Duckworth Company Secretary

9 June 2005

#### Notes:

- a. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the company.
- b. A form of proxy is enclosed with this notice for your use in respect of the business set out above. To be effective, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a notarially certified or an office copy of such power of authority) must be lodged at the company's registered office at least forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

### THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2005.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company commenced trading on 2 April 2004 following the acquisition of the assets, liabilities and trade of Russell Castings, a division of Elliott Industries Limited.

The principal activity of the company during the year was the manufacture and sale of iron castings.

The directors are satisfied with the results for the year.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year and the company's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

The directors have not recommended a dividend.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

PEH Bell

**NB** Williams

AC Binmore

JV Evans

MI Johnson

A Vicary

S C Duckworth

MA Powell

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the interests of the group directors are disclosed in the financial statements of the parent company.

AC Binmore was appointed as a director on 5 April 2004.

JV Evans was appointed as a director on 5 April 2004.

MI Johnson was appointed as a director on 5 April 2004.

A Vicary was appointed as a director on 5 April 2004.

S C Duckworth was appointed as a secretary on 30 September 2004.

MA Powell was appointed as a director on 25 November 2004.

PEH Bell retired as a director on 9 November 2004.

On 2nd April 2004 the company changed its name to Russell Castings Limited.

No director had any interest in any contract with the company during the year except for service agreements

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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 at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 10 and 11, and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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. The directors 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.

#### **AUDITORS**

During the year the board has carried out a review of audit firms and has decided that Ernst & Young LLP should be appointed as auditors to succeed Heathcote & Coleman. Heathcote & Coleman have agreed to step down at the forthcoming annual general meeting and a resolution will be proposed to appoint Ernst & Young LLP as auditors and to authorise the directors to determine their remuneration.

Signed on behalf of the directors

S C DUCKWORTH

Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 9 June 2005

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF RUSSELL CASTINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY PLATT MALLEABLE CASTINGS LIMITED)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

We have audited the financial statements of Russell Castings Limited (formerly Platt Malleable Castings Limited) for the year ended 31 March 2005 on pages 7 to 17 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholder in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholder those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholder for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

## BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 of 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDER OF RUSSELL CASTINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY PLATT MALLEABLE CASTINGS LIMITED) (continued)

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Heathcote House 136 Hagley Road Edgbaston Birmingham B16 9PN

9 June 2005

**HEATHCOTE & COLEMAN** 

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

	Note	2005 £	2004 £
TURNOVER	2	11,181,767	_
Cost of sales		9,200,759	_
GROSS PROFIT		1,981,008	
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		476,732 410,245	_ _
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	ſ	1,094,031	_
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	372,000	_
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		722,031	

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing.

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

Equity shareholder's funds	2005	2004
Profit for the financial year	£ 722,031	£ –
Opening shareholder's equity funds	36,000	36,000
Closing shareholder's equity funds	758,031	36,000
NON-EQUITY SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	2005	2004
Opening and closing shareholder's non-equity funds	2005 £ 17,000	£ 17,000

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## 31 MARCH 2005

		200:	)5	2004
	Note	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Intangible assets	7		(104,707)	_
Tangible assets	8		494,217	_
			200 510	
			389,510	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks	9	1,032,179		_
Debtors	10	1,835,172		53,000
Cash at bank		1,422,479		_
		4,289,830		53,000
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one		•		
year	11	3,904,309		_
NET CURRENT ASSETS			385,521	53,000
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			775,031	53,000
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called-up share capital	15		53,000	53,000
Profit and loss account	13		722,031	55,000
11011t and 1055 account			722,051	
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SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS (including non-equity			775 021	52,000
interests)			775,031	53,000

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 9 June 2005 and are signed on their behalf by:

S C DUCKWORTH

Director

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent publishes a consolidated cash flow statement.

#### Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax.

#### Goodwill amortisation

Negative goodwill is released to the profit and loss account over the life of the non-monetary assets to which it attaches.

#### Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Buildings

- 21 months straight line

Plant & Machinery Fixtures & Fittings

21 months to 10 years straight line
21 months to 10 years straight line

Motor Vehicles

- 20% straight line

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Work in progress

Work in progress is valued on the basis of direct costs plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity. Provision is made for any foreseeable losses where appropriate. No element of profit is included in the valuation of work in progress.

## Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### **Pension costs**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

## 2. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the company. An analysis of turnover is given below:

	2005	2004
	£	£
United Kingdom	10,400,632	_
EU countries	458,309	_
Rest of world	322,826	_
	11 101 767	
	11,181,767	_

## 3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2005	2004
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	349,202	-
Auditors' remuneration		
- as auditors	8,000	-
Exceptional item	(312,392)	_
Operating lease costs:	,	
Plant and machinery	8,789	_
Motor vehicles	18,817	_

The exceptional item relates to the release of negative goodwill (see note 7).

## 4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	2005	2004
	No	No
Number of production staff	107	_
Number of distribution staff	6	
Number of administrative staff	6	_
Number of management staff	11	_
-		
	130	_
	<del>42</del>	<del></del>
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		
	2005	2004
	£	£
Wages and salaries	3,437,592	_
Social security costs	348,774	_
Other pension costs	212,694	_
	3,999,060	
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

5.	DIRECTORS'	<b>EMOLUMENTS</b>
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The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were:

	2005	2004
	£	£
Emoluments receivable	291,718	_
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase		
schemes	23,951	_
	315,669	
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The number of directors who accrued benefits under company pension schemes was as follows:

	2005	2004
	No	No
Money purchase schemes	3	_

### 6. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

## (a) Analysis of charge in the year

	£	£
Current tax:		
UK Corporation tax based on the taxable profits for the year at		
30% (2004 : 30%)	372,000	<del></del>
Total current tax	372,000	

2005

2004

## (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2004:30%).

	2005 £	2004 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,094,031	
Profit on ordinary activities at standard rate of tax	328,209	_
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	43,867	_
Permanent disallowance	1,627	_
Other	(1,703)	_
Total current tax (note 6(a))	372,000	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

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7.	INTA	INGIRE	E FIXED	ASSETS

Goodwill £
(417,099)
$(\overline{417,099})$
(312,392)
(312,392)
(104,707)

## 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Buildings £	Plant & Machinery £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
COST					
Additions	9,307	718,740	68,621	55,963	852,631
Disposals	_	(9,353)	_	-	(9,353)
At 31 March 2005	9,307	709,387	68,621	55,963	843,278
DEPRECIATION					
Charge for the year	5,318	303,051	34,977	5,856	349,202
On disposals	_	(141)	_	<del></del>	(141)
At 31 March 2005	5,318	302,910	34,977	5,856	349,061
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2005	3,989	406,477	33,644	50,107	494,217
At 31 March 2004		-	-	_	_
Capital commitments				-00-	2004
				2005 £	2004 £
Contracted but not provide	ed for in the fi	nancial stateme	ents	62,929	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

9.	STOCKS	<del></del>	
		2005	2004
		£	£
,	Raw materials	271,671	_
	Work in progress	360,706	***
	Finished goods	399,802	_
		1,032,179	
10.	DEBTORS		
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Trade debtors	1,788,528	_
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	_	53,000
	Other debtors	33,204	_
	Prepayments and accrued income	13,440	
		1,835,172	53,000
11.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2005	2004
		£	£
	Trade creditors	1,523,257	_
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,290,291	_
	Other creditors including taxation and social security:		
	Corporation tax	372,000	_
	Other taxation and social security	329,322	_
	Other creditors	138,758	_
	Accruals and deferred income	250,681	_
		3,904,309	<del></del>

## 12. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2005 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below.

	Assets Other Than Land & Buildings	
	2005	2004
	£	£
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 year	312	_
Within 2 to 5 years	8,715	_
	0.027	
	9,027	
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

### 13. CONTINGENCIES

The company together with its holding company has given an unlimited interlocking guarantee to HSBC Bank Plc in respect of overdraft facilities of certain group companies. At 31st March 2005 these amounted to £2,746,099 (2004: £nil)

### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions requiring disclosure.

### 15. SHARE CAPITAL

## Authorised share capital:

			2005 £	2004 £
3,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each			3,000	3,000
17,000 4.2% Preference shares of £1 each			17,000	17,000
33,000 Deferred ordinary shares of £1 eac	ħ		33,000	33,000
			53,000	53,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	2005		2004	
	No	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
4.2% Preference shares of £1 each	17,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
Deferred ordinary shares of £1 each	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
	53,000	53,000	53,000	53,000

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

### 16. ACQUISITION OF RUSSELL CASTINGS

The company acquired certain assets of Russell Castings on 2 April 2004 as follows:-

	Historical value £000	Fair value adjustment £000	air value of assets acquired £000
Tangible fixed assets	1,275	(522)	753
Stocks	1,075	(190)	885
Debtors	1,718		1,718
Creditors	(1,822)	_	(1,822)
	2,246	(712)	1,534
Negative goodwill	<del></del> _		(417)
			1,117
Satisfied by: - cash (including expenses)			1,117

The fair values, which may be revised in accordance with FRS7 as further information becomes available, represent the directors' current estimate of the net assets acquired.

Negative goodwill of £312,000 has been released to the profit and loss account during the year.

#### 17. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The directors consider the ultimate parent company to be Chamberlin & Hill plc, a company incorporated in England. The results of Russell Castings Limited and its fellow subsidiaries have been consolidated within the financial statements of Chamberlin & Hill plc. Copies of these financial statements may be obtained from the company secretary at:

Chuckery Foundry Chuckery Road Walsall West Midlands WS1 2DU.

MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements which are the subject of the independent auditors' report on pages 5 and 6.

## DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2005		2004
	£	£	£
TURNOVER		11,181,767	-
COST OF SALES			
Purchases direct	3,443,309		
Pattern purchases	357,624		
Machining purchases	1,216,499		_
Core purchases	10,166		_
Assembly purchases	329,676		_
Sub contract purchases	2,611		_
Direct wages	1,858,268		-
Core wages recharge	(7,994)		_
Indirect wages	577,364		_
Works national insurance contributions	244,413		_
Pension contributions - direct labour	115,729		_
Subcontract	110,053		_
Plant repairs and maintenance	351,370		_
Electricity	158,935		_
Waste disposal	64,527		_
Consumable tools and stores	98,690		-
Alpha recharge	(33,614)		_
Insurance	122,990		
Rent and rates	80,731		_
Salaries	484,938		_
Staff national insurance contributions	52,180		man.
Staff pension contributions	48,483		_
Management charges payable	188,000		
Hire of plant and machinery	8,788		_
Depreciation of plant and machinery	349,202		~
	10,232,938		<del>-,</del>
Closing stock and finished goods	(1,032,179)		_
Closing stock and timsned goods	(1,032,179)		
		9,200,759	~
GROSS PROFIT		1,981,008	
			<del>-</del>
OVERHEADS			
Distribution costs	476,732		~
Administrative expenses	410,245		
	<del></del> -	886,977	~~~
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		1,094,031	<del></del>

## NOTES TO THE DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2005	5	2004	
	£	£	£	
DISTRIBUTION COSTS				
Salaries		145,481		
Staff pension contributions		14,545		
Staff national insurance contributions		15,654		
Advertising		14,393		
Travelling		5,481		
Motor expenses		12,938		
Entertaining		1,175		
Packing and carriage		267,065		
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		476,732		
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			<del></del>	
Personnel costs				
Wages and salaries	373,459			
Temporary staff	6,078			
Staff national insurance contributions	36,527			
Staff pension contributions	33,937			
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		450,001		
Establishment expenses				
Rates and water	5,153			
Light and heat	2,276			
Insurance	30,746			
Repairs and maintenance	2,353			
Office machine maintenance	2,209			
office machine maintenance			_	
		42,737		
General expenses				
Motor expenses	19,408			
Travel and subsistence	2,952			
Telephone Telephone	20,141			
Commission paid	188			
Printing and stationery	18,176			
Postage	4,677			
Computer bureau charges	39,272			
Staff training	12,194			
Staff recruitment costs	2,824			
Sundry expenses	12,876			
Frade subscriptions	7,264			
Management charges payable	37,000			
Legal and professional fees	33,495			
Accountancy fees	7,000			
Carried forward	217,467	492,738		

## NOTES TO THE DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	2005		2004	
	£	£	£	
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (continued)				
Brought forward	217,467	492,738		
Auditors remuneration Exceptional item	8,000 (312,392)	(86,925)	- - -	
Financial costs Bad debts written off Bank charges	11 4,421	4,432 410,245	    	

## FORM OF PROXY FOR USE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I/We			
of			
	ember of the above named company as my/our proxy to vote 1		
Meeting of adjournmen	the company to be held at 12.00 noor	on 29 July 2005 at the regi	stered office, and at any
	FION 1. To receive and adopt the eport and financial statements for		
the year end	ded 31 March 2005.		FOR / AGAINST
	FION 2. To appoint Ernst & Young LI and to authorise the directors	_P	
	remuneration.		FOR / AGAINST
Signature		Date 20	···
Number of	shares held:		
Notes:			

- a. A member may appoint a proxy of his/her own choice. If such an appointment is made, delete the words "the Chairman of the meeting" and insert the name of the person appointed proxy in the space provided.
- b. In the case of joint holders, the signature of any holder will be sufficient, but the names of all the joint holders should be stated.
- c. If this form is returned without any indication as to how the person appointed proxy shall vote, he/she will exercise his/her discretion as to how he/she votes or whether he/she abstains from voting.
- d. To be valid, this form must be completed and deposited at the company's registered office not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting.