

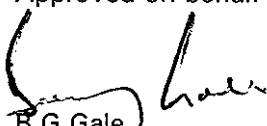
ARCHITAL LUXFER LIMITED
Registered Company No 440059

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1997

	<u>Note</u>	<u>1997</u> £000	<u>1996</u> £000
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors	2	(2,904)	(2,904)
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(2,904)</u>	<u>(2,904)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	3	128	128
Profit and loss account		<u>(3,032)</u>	<u>(3,032)</u>
		<u>(2,904)</u>	<u>(2,904)</u>

The Company was dormant throughout the year to 31 December 1997 within the meaning of Section 250 of the Companies Act 1985 (as amended) and the Directors have taken advantage of the exemption therein from the obligation to appoint auditors.

Approved on behalf of the Board on 22 January 1998


B G Gale
Director



NOTES TO THE 1997 ACCOUNTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Balance Sheet has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 226 of, and Schedule 4 to, the Companies Act 1985 (as amended) and accounting standards applicable in the UK.

2. CREDITORS

	<u>1997</u> £000	<u>1996</u> £000
Amount owed to parent undertaking	<u>2,904</u>	<u>2,904</u>

3. SHARE CAPITAL

	<u>1997</u> £000	<u>1996</u> £000
Authorised 130,000 ordinary shares of £1 each. Issued and fully paid 127,500 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>128</u>	<u>128</u>

4. CONTROLLING PARTIES

The Company is controlled by Rio Tinto Metals Limited (formerly R.T.Z. Metals Limited), which owns 100% of the issued share capital. Rio Tinto plc (formerly The RTZ Corporation plc), registered in England and Wales, is the Company's ultimate holding company and also its ultimate controlling party at 31 December 1997. Copies of the ultimate parent's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from its registered office at 6 St. James's Square, London SW1Y 4LD.