**COMPANY NO: 499423** 

# **PARKERSELL LIMITED**

**GROUP ANNUAL REPORT** 

Year ended 31 December 2004



#### Parkersell Limited

# **Contents of Group Annual Report**

	Page
Company Information	1
Report of the Directors	2
Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders	4
Consolidated Profit and Loss Account	5
Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses	6
Consolidated Balance Sheet	7
Company Balance Sheet	8
Notes to the Financial Statements	9

# **Company Information**

Directors L P Correia

M J Horlock J H Roberts J Winterbottom M Harrington

Secretary P B Stevens

Registered office Elizabeth House

56 - 60 London Road

Staines Middlesex TW18 4BQ

Registered number 499423

Auditors RSM Robson Rhodes LLP

**Chartered Accountants** 

186 City Road London EC1V 2NU

Bankers Royal Bank of Scotland

PO Box 39952

2½ Devonshire Square

London EC2M 4XJ

#### Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited consolidated financial statements of the Parkersell Group for the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group during the year continued to be the installation and maintenance of lighting and electrical services and the provision of lighting design services.

On 1 January 2005, the Group sold its subsidiary, Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Limited to Dalkia Ireland Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Dalkia Plc.

#### Business review and future developments

The Group profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,308,738 (2003: £2,388,354) and is dealt with as shown in the profit and loss account on page 5.

No final dividend is proposed for 2004 (2003: nil pence per share). An interim dividend for 2004 was paid of £2.557 per share (2003: £3).

The directors expect the Group to continue trading profitably in the future.

#### Creditors

It is the Group's normal practice to agree terms of transactions, including payment terms, with suppliers and provided suppliers perform in accordance with the agreed terms, it is the Group's policy that payment is made accordingly. Creditor days at 31 December 2004 were 39 (2003: 26).

#### **Employee Involvement**

The Group has for many years been fully committed to securing the full co-operation and involvement of its employees in the success of the business.

This is achieved by direct communication and consultation with all employees and with representatives, where appropriate, at the locations in which they work. Employees are regularly informed of the performance and progress of their company by briefing groups and are encouraged to maximise company performance by means of incentive schemes.

#### **Disabled Employees**

The Group gives every consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job may be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person.

Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Group's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion wherever appropriate.

#### Directors and their interests

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1.

Mr L Bermejo resigned as a director on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005. Mr L P Correia was appointed as a director on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005, and M Harrington was appointed as a director on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2005. All other directors served throughout the year. Mr J Winterbottom is the director retiring by rotation under Article 89 and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

None of the directors had any notifiable interests in the share capital of the Company or any other Group undertakings as at 31 December 2004.

#### Report of the Directors (continued)

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities for the Annual Report

Company law in the United Kingdom 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;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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. 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.

#### **Auditors**

RSM Robson Rhodes LLP are willing to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them as auditors to the Group will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 5 May 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

M Horlock

Director

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Parkersell Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 24.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body, 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 shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

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 information contained in the Annual Report and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any information outside the Annual Report.

#### 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 circumstances of the company and the group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all 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 as at 31 December 2004 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

RSM Robson Rhodes LLP

RSM Robson Rhodes LLP Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London, England 5 May 2005

# Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Group Turnover Continuing operations Discontinued operations		32,515,838 1,153,174	31,581,526 1,116,100
Group Turnover	2	33,669,012	32,697,626
Change in stocks and work in progress		366,980	16,256
		34,035,992	32,713,882
Raw materials and consumables		(9,110,809)	(8,706,294)
		24,925,183	24,007,588
Staff costs Depreciation and amortisation Other operating charges	5 3	(14,333,932) (680,258) (7,080,060) (22,094,250)	(13,550,173) (619,281) (7,209,994) (21,379,448)
Analysis of group operating profit Continuing operations Discontinued operations		2,740,171 90,762	2,715,916 (87,776)
Group operating profit:	3	2,830,933	2,628,140
Profit on disposal of property Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	289,277 139,976 (3,014)	525,944 178,566 (1,239)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	3	3,257,172	3,331,411
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(948,434)	(943,057)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		2,308,738	2,388,354
Dividends	9	(1,790,000)	(2,100,000)
Retained profit for the financial year	18	518,738	288,354

# Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses For the year ended 31 December 2004

For the year ended 31 December 2004	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the financial year		2,308,738	2,388,354
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	_	13,086	58,621
Total recognised gains and losses for the year since the last annual report		2,321,824	2,446,975

# Consolidated Balance Sheet at 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	10	603,880	695,386
Tangible assets	11	919,724	1,390,403
		1,523,604	2,085,789
Current assets			
Stocks and work in progress	12	2,562,617	2,074,718
Debtors	13	10,938,811	9,805,081
Cash at bank and in hand		5,255,395	5,751,746
		18,756,823	17,631,545
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,655,469)	(6,568,171)
Net current assets		12,101,354	11,063,374
Total assets less current liabilities		13,624,958	13,149,163
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(143,654)	(193,654)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	(37,000)	(37,000)
Total net assets		13,444,304	12,918,509
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	700,000	700,000
Share premium account	18	238	238
Other reserves	18	20,762	26,791
Profit and loss account	18	12,723,304	12,191,480
Total equity shareholders' funds	19	13,444,304	12,918,509

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 May 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

J Winterbottom Director

# Company Balance Sheet at 31 December 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 £
Fixed assets		•	
Tangible assets	25	-	208,467
Investments	26	701,081	701,081
		701,081	909,548
Current assets			
Debtors	27	1,156,000	604,140
Cash at bank and in hand		1,472,203	1,746,113
		2,628,203	2,350,253
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	28	(55,025)	(361,484)
Net current assets		2,573,178	1,988,769
Total net assets		3,274,259	2,898,317
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	700,000	700,000
Share premium account	30	238	238
Other reserves	30	20,762	26,791
Profit and loss account	30	2,553,259	2,171,288
Total equity shareholders' funds	31	3,274,259	2,898,317

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 May 2005 and signed on its behalf by:

J Winterbottom Director

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted by the directors are described below.

#### Basis of consolidation

The Group accounts consolidate the accounts of Parkersell Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings drawn up for the year ending 31 December. No profit and loss account is presented for Parkersell Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 not to present transactions with other group entities as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dalkia plc, and such transactions are eliminated on consolidation.

#### Cash flow

The Company has taken the exemption afforded by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary.

#### Goodwill

Purchased goodwill is capitalised and amortised through the profit and loss account over the directors' estimate of its useful life, being 10 years. Goodwill arising prior to the introduction of FRS 10 remains written off against reserves; on disposal or closure of a business, or if any impairment is identified, a charge is made to the profit and loss account.

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided on cost or valuation in equal annual instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to recoverable amount. Any such write down would be charged to operating profit. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Freehold properties 2% per annum
Short leasehold improvements 10% per annum
Plant and machinery 20% per annum

Computer and office equipment 10% to 33 1/3% per annum Vehicles 25% to 40% per annum

#### Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised as the services attributable to the principal activity of the company are provided. Timing differences arise between the provision of services (and consequent recognition of revenue) and invoicing. Amounts invoiced in advance of the provision of service are included within creditors as payments on accounts. Revenue recognised in advance of invoicing is shown within debtors as amounts recoverable on contracts.

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Stocks and work in progress

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes materials, direct labour and production overheads appropriate to the relevant stage of production. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less all further costs to completion and all relevant marketing, selling and distribution costs.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred tax is provided, except as noted below, on timing differences that have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, where the timing differences result in an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, in the future. Timing differences arise because of differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and law enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### Foreign currencies

#### Company

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Group

The balance sheets of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Trading results of these subsidiaries are translated at an average rate of exchange for the year. The exchange differences arising on the re-translation of the financial statements of overseas subsidiaries undertakings are taken directly to retained profits. All other translation differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Leases

Assets held under hire purchase contracts are capitalised at their fair value on the inception of the leases and depreciated over their estimated useful lives. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease in proportion to the capital amount outstanding. Rentals under operating leases are charged to profit and loss in equal annual amounts over the lease term.

#### **Defined Benefit Pension Schemes**

The expected cost of providing pensions, as calculated periodically by professionally qualified actuaries, is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of the service lives of employees in the schemes operated by the Group in such a way that the pension cost is a substantially level percentage of current and expected future pensionable payroll.

#### **Defined Contribution Pension Schemes**

Contributions to defined contribution schemes are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

#### 2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the Company's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax. The turnover and pre tax profit are attributable to two activities, the installation and maintenance of lighting and electrical equipment and the provision of lighting design services.

Group turnover and profit before tax by geographical location were as follows:

	Turno	over	Profit bet	fore tax
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
United Kingdom	32,515,838	31,581,526	2,933,486	3,417,230
Rest of Europe	1,153,174	1,116,100	323,686	(85,819)
	33,669,012	32,697,626	3,257,172	3,331,411

#### 3. GROUP OPERATING PROFIT

2003	Continuing £	Discontinued £	Total £
Turnover	31,581,526	1,116,100	32,697,626
Change in stocks and in work in			
progress	32,398	(16,142)	16,256
Raw materials and consumables	(8,307,920)	(398,374)	(8,706,294)
Staff costs	(13,143,477)	(406,696)	(13,550,173)
Depreciation and amortisation	(580,110)	(39,171)	(619,281)
Other operating charges	(6,866,501)	(343,493)	(7,209,994)
Group operating profit	2,715,916	(87,776)	2,628,140
	Continuing	Discontinued	Total
2004	£	_	
	4	£	£
Turnover	32,515,838	£ 1,153,174	£ 33,669,012
Turnover Change in stocks and in work in	~	_	_
	~	_	_
Change in stocks and in work in	32,515,838	1,153,174	33,669,012
Change in stocks and in work in progress	32,515,838 337,655 (8,762,070)	1,153,174 29,325 (348,739)	33,669,012 366,980 (9,110,809)
Change in stocks and in work in progress Raw materials and consumables Staff costs	32,515,838 337,655	1,153,174 29,325	33,669,012 366,980
Change in stocks and in work in progress Raw materials and consumables Staff costs Depreciation and amortisation	32,515,838 337,655 (8,762,070) (13,866,778) (647,168)	1,153,174 29,325 (348,739) (467,154)	33,669,012 366,980 (9,110,809) (14,333,932)
Change in stocks and in work in progress Raw materials and consumables Staff costs	32,515,838 337,655 (8,762,070) (13,866,778)	1,153,174 29,325 (348,739) (467,154) (33,090)	33,669,012 366,980 (9,110,809) (14,333,932) (680,258)

The discontinued operations relate to the sale of the Group's subsidiary, Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Dalkia Plc, on 1 January 2005.

#### 3. GROUP OPERATING PROFIT (continued)

Group operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2004 £	2003 £
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible and intangible fixed assets:	4	~
Owned assets	561,089	564,923
Amortisation of goodwill	94,000	58,000
Loss/(Profit) on sale of fixed assets	25,169	(3,642)
, ,	680,258	619,281
Auditors' remuneration		
Audit fees	29,530	27,000
Other services	9,101	15,482
Operating lease rentals		
Land and buildings	468,088	504,378
Other	1,122,811	1,505,406

Auditors' remuneration in respect of the Company audit amounted to £13,000 (2003: £13,000).

#### 4. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	2004 £	2003 £
Emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	228,142	270,815
Number of directors who:	No	No
Are members of a defined benefit scheme	2	2
Highest paid director's remuneration: Emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	137,827	168,092
Pension contributions	14,681	13,956

The amount of the accrued pension of the highest paid director at 31 December 2004 was £15,277 (2003: £11,806).

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

		2004 £	2003 £
	Wages and salaries	12,878,756	12,174,091
	Social security costs Other pension costs	874,318 580,858	951,012 425,070
		14,333,932	13,550,173
	Average staff numbers:	No.	No.
	Management	31	31
	Sales	39	41
	Administration	117	114
	Operations	474	464
		661	650
6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Bank interest Intercompany	682 139,294	1,957 176,609
	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	<del></del>	
		139,976	178,566
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Other interest payable	3,014	1,239

#### 8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2004 £	2003 £
Corporation Tax: UK Corporation tax at 30% (2003: 30%) Overseas taxation	927,000 48,604	873,000 (9,592)
Current Corporation Tax Over provision in prior years	975,604 (21,600)	863,408 (16,888)
Total Corporation Tax	954,004	846,520
Deferred Tax: Timing differences, origination and reversal	(5,570)	96,537
Tax charge for the year	948,434	943,057
	2004 £	2003 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,257,172	3,331,411
Corporation tax at 30%	977,151	999,423
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Other short term timing differences Profit on sale of fixed assets covered by capital losses brought forward Different rates of tax on overseas earnings Adjustments in respect of previous years	59,364 42,170 (36,600) (22,278) (44,203) (21,600)	106,028 3,663 (100,200) (157,800) 12,294 (16,888)

#### 9. DIVIDENDS

		2004 £	2003 £
	Interim dividend paid £2.557 per ordinary share (2003: £3.00)	1,790,000	2,100,000
10.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS		Goodwill £
	Cost At 1 January 2004 Additions		829,058 2,494
	At 31 December 2004		831,552
	Amortisation At 1 January 2004 Charge for the year		133,672 94,000
	At 31 December 2004		227,672
	Net book value At 31 December 2004		603,880
	At 31 December 2003		695,386

Additions to Goodwill in the year are due to deferred consideration in respect of the acquisition of Pinniger and Partners.

Parkersell Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2004

# 1. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold properties	Short leasehold	Plant and equipment	Computer and office	Motor vehicles	Total
	લ	improvements £	ы	equipment £	a	લ
<b>Cost</b> At 1 January 2004	441.580	402,296	807,865	2,264,147	246,411	4,162,299
Exchange adjustments		. 65	802	1,386	2,621	7,530
Additions	•	104,318	662'96	229,978	55,632	486,327
Disposals	(444,233)	(19,081)	(175,629)	(392,711)	(164,070)	(1,195,724)
At 31 December 2004	1	487,598	729,440	2,102,800	140,594	3,460,432
Depreciation	1				100	77
At 1 January 2004 Exchange adjustments	99,618 591	1/3,526 65	606,659 741	1,723,808	168,285 2,115	4,723
Charge for the year	4,340	70,284	81,939	366,118	38,408	561,089
Disposals	(104,549)	(15,589)	(165,140)	(381,545)	(130,177)	(797,000)
At 31 December 2004	1	228,286	524,199	1,709,592	78,631	2,540,708
Net book value At 31 December 2004	•	259,312	205,241	393,208	61,963	919,724
At 31 December 2003	341,962	228,770	201,206	540,339	78,126	1,390,403

12. STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGE	12.	STOCKS	AND WORK	IN PROGRESS
------------------------------	-----	--------	----------	-------------

12.	STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Raw materials and finished goods for resale Work in progress	1,795,300 767,317	1,428,320 646,398
		2,562,617	2,074,718
13.	DEBTORS		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Trade debtors	5,450,398	5,379,125
	Amounts recoverable on contracts	3,986,000	2,553,000
	Amounts due from fellow group undertakings	1,073,928	1,391,904
	Other debtors	144,259	186,570
	Overseas taxation	•	13,942
	Prepayments and accrued income	158,833	160,717
	Deferred tax (note 16)	125,393	119,823
		10,938,811	9,805,081
	All debtors, with the exception of deferred tax, are due	e within one year.	
14.	CREDITORS		
		2004	2003
		£	2005 £
	AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	Trade creditors	1,760,333	1,308,381
	Payments received on account	1,006,000	798,000
	Amounts due to group undertakings	267,504	154,372
	Current corporation tax	540,025	439,558
	Overseas taxation	34,824	-
	Other taxes and social security costs	775,129	824,081
	Other creditors	1,488,634	1,424,358
	Accruals and deferred income	783,020	1,619,421
		6,655,469	6,568,171
	AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ON	IE YEAR	
	Accruals and deferred income	143,654	193,654

15.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHAR	GES		Vacant property £
	At 1 January 2004 Utilised in the year			37,000 
	At 31 December 2004			37,000
16.	DEFERRED TAXATION			
	The deferred taxation asset recognised in the	accounts is analy	ysed as follows:	
			2004 £	2003 £
	Accelerated capital allowances Other short term timing differences		(125,393)	(83,223) (36,600)
	Total asset		(125,393)	(119,823)
17.	SHARE CAPITAL			
			2004 £	2003 £
	Authorised: 1,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		1,000,000	1,000,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: 700,000 ordinary shares of £1 each		700,000	700,000
18.	RESERVES			
		Share premium £	Other reserves £	Profit and loss account £
	At 1 January 2004 Retained profit for the financial period	238	26,791 - (6,039)	12,191,480 518,738
	Release on disposal of freehold property Exchange differences on re-translation		(6,029)	13,086
	At 31 December 2004	238	20,762	12,723,304

The cumulative amount of positive goodwill written off against reserves at 31 December 2004 was £228,172 (2003: £134,172); cumulative negative goodwill of £4 (2003: £4) has been added to reserves.

## 19. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the financial year Dividends	2,308,738 (1,790,000)	2,388,354 (2,100,000)
Other reserve released on disposal of freehold property Currency translation differences	518,738 (6,029) 13,086	288,354 - 58,621
Net movement in shareholders' funds	525,795	346,975
Opening shareholders' funds	12,918,509	12,571,534
Closing shareholders' funds	13,444,304	12,918,509

#### 20. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Land & B	uildings	Oth	ıer
	2004	2003	2004	2003
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				
within one year	8,801	29,132	160,410	189,832
between two and five years	325,678	141,670	670,643	1,097,567
over five years	143,191	264,537		
<u>-</u>	477,670	435,339	831,053	1,287,399

The company had no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

The company or the Group had no capital commitments.

#### 21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

#### Defined benefit scheme

The Group is a participating employer in the Dalkia Group Pension Scheme, a defined benefit scheme. The scheme is separately funded and provides defined benefits that are computed based on an employee's years of service and final pensionable salary. The cost of retirement benefits for the Group was £504,317 (2003: £388,816). Contributions are made to the scheme on the basis of advice from independent actuaries, using actuarial methods, the objective of which is to provide adequate funds to meet pension obligations as they fall due, and are based on pension costs in respect of all members of the fund.

A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 March 2002, which was updated to 1 January 2004. At the date of the valuation update, the market value of the scheme's assets was £77.9 million, and the market value of the assets was sufficient to cover 85% of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for expected future increases in salaries. Particulars of the actuarial review are included within the annual report of Dalkia plc. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group, and the Company is unable to separately identify the share of the underlying assets and liabilities related to its employees.

The scheme has been closed to all employees joining the Group after 1 January 2002.

#### **Defined contribution scheme**

Contributions paid to the Group's defined contribution scheme amounted to £76,541 (2003: £36,254).

#### 22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

#### Company

On 10 January 1994 the Company and its subsidiaries entered into an agreement with its parent company Dalkia Plc and fellow subsidiary undertakings. A cross guarantee exists between all parties to the agreement whereby each company has guaranteed the bank current accounts of the others. Dalkia plc has an unsecured overdraft facility of £5 million.

The Company is registered with HM Customs & Excise as a member of a group for VAT purposes, and as a result, jointly and severally liable on a continuing basis for amounts owing by other members of that group in respect of unpaid VAT.

The Company has issued a guarantee in favour of HM Customs and Excise in the sum of £10,000.

#### Group

The Group had issued general performance bonds to various customers amounting to £51,000 (2003: £51,000).

#### 23. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The immediate parent undertaking, UK ultimate parent undertaking and the ultimate parent undertaking of the smallest group for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up is Daíkia Plc.

The ultimate controlling entity and the ultimate parent undertaking of the largest group for which consolidated financial statements are drawn up is Veolia Environnement SA (a company incorporated and registered in France). Copies of accounts are available from:

Dalkia Plc Elizabeth House 56-60 London Road Staines Middlesex TW18 4BQ Veolia Environnement S.A. 36-38 avenue Kléber 75116 Paris France

#### 24. PRINCIPAL UNDERTAKINGS

The principal subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2004 were:

Company	Country of incorporation and registration	Proportion of ordinary shares held
Parkersell (Lighting & Electrical) Services Ltd	England	100%
Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) Ltd	Ireland	100%
Pinniger and Partners Limited	England	100%

All subsidiary undertakings install and maintain lighting and electrical equipment or provide associated services.

On 1 January 2005, the Group sold its subsidiary, Parkersell Lighting Services (Ireland) limited to Dalkia Ireland Limited, a fellow subsidiary of Dalkia Plc, for consideration of £838,031.

### 25. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - COMPANY

	Freehold properties £
Cost At 1 January 2004 Disposals	271,268 (271,268)
At 31 December 2004	
Depreciation At 1 January 2004 Charge for the year Disposals	62,801 2,053 (64,854)
At 31 December 2004	
Net book value At 31 December 2004	
At 31 December 2003	208,467

# 26. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - COMPANY

	Cost and net book value At 1 January and 31 December 2004		Shares in group undertakings £ 701,081
	, and a constant of the consta		
27.	DEBTORS - COMPANY		
		2004 £	2003 £
	Trade debtors Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings Other debtors Group relief Deferred tax (note 29)	1,150,000 6,000 - - 1,156,000	3,390 550,000 18,287 31,442 1,021
28.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR -	COMPANY	
		2004 £	2003 £
	Amounts due to group undertakings Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	23,675 - 31,350	254,859 - - - 106,625
		55,025	361,484
29.	DEFERRED TAXATION - COMPANY  The deferred taxation asset recognised in the financial statements	s is analysed a	s follows:
	Deferred tax asset	2004 £	2003 £
	Accelerated capital allowances		1,021

#### 30. RESERVES - COMPANY

	Share premium £	Other reserves £	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2004	238	26,791	2,171,288
Retained profit for the financial period	-	-	381,971
Release on disposal of freehold property		(6,029)	-
At 31 December 2004	238	20,762	2,553,259

#### 31. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS - COMPANY

	2004 £	2003 £
Profit for the financial year Other reserve released on disposal of freehold property	381,971 (6,029)	586,107 
Net movement in shareholders' funds	375,942	586,107
Opening shareholders' funds	2,898,317	2,312,210
Closing shareholders' funds	3,274,259	2,898,317