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**Directors' Report and Financial Statements** 

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#### **Directors' Report**

The Directors submit their report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 25 March 2006.

#### Principal activities

The Company carried on a worldwide business in security printing and manufacturing equipment for handling, sorting and processing documents of value.

On 16 May 2005, the Company sold its investment in De La Rue Cash Systems AB (acquired on 29 September 2004) to De La Rue Investments Limited for SEK 948,000,000.

The Company purchased the remaining 49% of the issued share capital of Shenzhen De La Rue Banking Technology Corporation Limited in June 2005 for £117,000.

The Company made an investment of £63,000 in the subsidiary De La Rue Cash Systems FZCO (Dubai).

#### Review of business

#### Security paper and print

The Currency business had another excellent year, despite anticipated reductions in volumes in banknote printing and lower overspill levels. Banknote paper volumes were up 4.6% on 2004/2005, which, together with improved manufacturing efficiency and increased orders for high specification paper that require more sophisticated banknotes threads, contributed significantly to the overall operating result.

The Security Products and Identity Systems businesses also performed strongly. Volume benefits of increased sales in authentications labels, fiscal stamps and passports all contributed to improved results.

#### Cash Systems

The Original Equipment Manufacture (OEM) (Automatic Teller Machines (ATM mechanisms)) and Desktop Products businesses performed strongly principally driven by volume growth in the European and Asian markets. The performance of the Cash processing Solutions (Sorter) business improved over the prior year in a continuing competitive environment.

Good progress is being made in implementing the restructuring actions outlined in December 2004. The closure of the Portsmouth factory was completed during the final quarter of the year and we are delivering cost savings ahead of schedule.

#### Results and dividends

Profit on ordinary activities after taxation is £20,772,000 (2005: £13,735,000). The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year (2005: Nil). A profit of £20,772,000 was transferred to reserves (2005: £13,735,000).

#### **Directors' Report (continued)**

#### **Future developments**

The Currency business ended the year with a strong order book providing excellent visibility for the first half of 2006/2007.

Further improvements in costs are expected in Cash Systems as the benefits of restructuring come through.

#### **Directors**

The names of the Directors holding office during the year were as follows:

C L Fluker

S A King

J F Hermans (alternate)

S Dasani (alternate)

#### **Directors' interests**

At 25 March 2006 no Directors held any beneficial interests in shares of any member of the Group other than the ultimate parent undertaking, De La Rue plc. The holdings and share options of Mr S A King in the ordinary shares of the ultimate parent undertaking are shown in that company's accounts. The holdings and share options of Miss C L Fluker are shown in the accounts of De La Rue Holdings plc, the immediate holding company. The share interests of Messrs S D Dasani and J F Hermans are set out below:

| Interests in Shares | 25 March 2006 | 26 March 2005 |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| S. D. Dasani        | 12,200        | 8,000         |
| J. F. Hermans       | -             | -             |

#### Directors' Report (continued)

| Interests in Share<br>Options                | 26 March<br>2005 | Exercised during year | Granted<br>during<br>year | Lapsed<br>during<br>year | 25<br>March<br>2006 | Exercise<br>price range<br>(pence) | Exercisabl<br>e dates |
|--|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| S. D. Dasani<br>Executive Share<br>Options   | 68,384           | <u>-</u>              | -                         | _                        | 68,384              | 237.33-340.50                      | Jul '06 –<br>Jul '14  |
| Deferred Bonus<br>& Matching<br>Share Scheme | -                | -                     | 24,172*                   | -                        | 24,172              | 386.13                             | Jul '08               |
| Sharesave<br>Options                         | 3,563            |                       | -                         | -                        | 3,563               | 258.90                             | Mar '07 –<br>Aug '07  |
| J.F.Hermans<br>Executive Share<br>Options    | 7,200            |                       | 2,945                     | -                        | 10,145              | 275.25 –<br>522.50                 | Jul '04 –<br>Jul '14  |
| Sharesave<br>Options                         | 3,577            | 1,453                 | 984                       | -                        | 3,108               | 258.90 —<br>357.00                 | Mar '05 –<br>Aug '09  |

<sup>\*</sup> This grant comprises of 9,669 deferred shares and 14,503 matching shares subject to performance target.

The market price of the ordinary shares at 25 March 2006 was 566 pence the highest and lowest mid-market prices during the year were:

|      | Ordinary shares of 25p to 29 July 2005 | Ordinary shares of 27.7/9p to 25 March 2005 |
|------|--|---|
| High | 410.50p                                | 571.00p                                     |
| Low  | 360.07p                                | 359.50p                                     |

#### Research and development

During the year a total of £4,371,000 was expensed to the profit and loss account in respect of research, development and design (2005: £5,630,000).

#### Payments to suppliers

Creditor days for the Company have been calculated at 35 days (2005: 29 days). The Group's policy is to pay suppliers on the basis of monthly summary invoicing plus 60 days subject to local laws or other exceptions..

#### **Employees**

The Company aims to employ people of high quality and encourages creativity and initiative. It recognises individual and team contributions and will give all employees the chance to develop their potential. The Company promotes employee involvement through a policy of communication and consultation. The Company newsletter, the intranet communications channel and more traditional house notices are further strengthened through quarterly briefings, a two-way communications programme designed to maximise dialogue.

#### Directors' Report (continued)

The Company offers equal opportunities in recruitment, training and promotion and in terms and conditions of employment, irrespective of gender, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, age, colour, ethnic or racial origin, nationality, disability or trade union membership. If an employee becomes disabled when in the Company's employment, full support is given through the provision of special training, equipment or other resources to facilitate continued employment wherever possible. All managers are required to ensure that all employees understand their responsibility for the active implementation of Company policy.

The Company sustains strategic management development initiatives to enhance the commercial awareness of its managers and to improve both customer and shareholder value.

#### Charitable and political donations

Charitable and educational contributions totalled £33,000 (2005: £7,000). There were no political donations.

#### Directors' responsibilities

The Companies Act 1985 requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless they consider it inappropriate to do so.

#### The Directors are responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985;
- Safeguarding the assets of the Company and for preventing and detecting fraud and other material irregularities.

The Directors consider that in preparing the financial statements on pages 7 to 21 the Company has consistently applied appropriate accounting policies, supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, and that all applicable accounting standards have been followed.

# **Directors' Report (continued)**

#### **Auditors**

Pursuant to Section 366A and 368 of the Companies Act 1985, the Company has dispensed with the requirement to hold annual general meetings and to reappoint auditors annually. The Company's auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, indicated their willingness to continue in office.

By Order of the Board

J'F Hermans Secretary

30 January 2007

Registered Office: De La Rue House Jays Close Viables Basingstoke Hants RG22 4BS

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of De La Rue International Limited

We have audited the financial statements of De La Rue International Limited for the year ended 25 March 2006 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

#### 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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 report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements. 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 other transactions is not disclosed.

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

#### Basis of audit 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 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.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom generally accepted accounting practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 25 March 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

London January 2007

# Profit and Loss Account For the Year Ended 25 March 2006

|  |      | 2006    | 2005    |
|--|------|---------|---------|
|  | Note | £'000   | £'000   |
| Turnover   | 3    | 345,309 | 369,645 |
| Operating profit                                 | 4,5  | 24,969  | 25,188  |
| Non-operating items                              | 6    | (2,328) | (9,724) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before interest    |      | 22,641  | 15,464  |
| Interest receivable and similar income           | 7    | 14      | 432     |
| Interest payable and similar charges             | 8    | (1,830) | (2,061) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation    |      | 20,825  | 13,835  |
| Taxation on profit on ordinary activities        | 9    | (53)    | (100)   |
| Profit on ordinary activities after taxation and |      |         |         |
| retained profit for the financial year           | 21   | 20,772  | 13,735  |

There is no difference between the results in the profit and loss account and the results on an historical cost basis.

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses For the Year Ended 25 March 2006

|  | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Retained profit for the financial year                               | 20,772        | 13,735        |
| Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments | -             | 34            |
| Total recognised gains for the year                                  | 20,772        | 13,769        |

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet at 25 March 2006

|   | Note | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|---|------|---------------|---------------|
| Fixed assets                                    | Note | £.000         | £ 000         |
| 1 1/100 040000                                  |      |               |               |
| Intangible assets                               | 10   | 2,472         | 2,450         |
| Tangible assets                                 | 11   | 69,658        | 76,102        |
| Investments                                     | 12   | 10,920        | 85,991        |
|   |      | 83,050        | 164,543       |
| Current assets                                  |      |               |               |
| Stocks  | 15   | 27,973        | 31,605        |
| Debtors - due within one year                   | 16   | 57,337        | 47,579        |
| Debtors - due after one year                    | 16   | 700,895       | 704,009       |
| Cash at bank and in hand                        |      | 147,426       | 75,697        |
|   |      | 933,631       | 858,890       |
| Creditors – amounts falling due within one year | 17   | (236,187)     | (197,069)     |
| Net current assets                              |      | 697,444       | 661,821       |
| Total assets less current liabilities           |      | 780,494       | 826,364       |
| Creditors – amounts falling due after more than |      |               |               |
| one year  | 18   | (570,457)     | (635,760)     |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges          | 19   | (28,955)      | (30,294)      |
| Net assets                                      |      | 181,082       | 160,310       |
| Capital and reserves                            |      |               |               |
| Called up share capital                         | 20   | 152,000       | 152,000       |
| Profit and loss account                         | 21   | 29,082        | 8,310         |
| Equity shareholders' funds                      | 22   | 181,082       | 160,310       |

Approved by the Board on

30 January 2007

S D Dasani

Director

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the Company are as follows:

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards. The accounts have been prepared as at 25 March 2006, being the last Saturday in March. The comparatives for the 2005 financial year are for the year ended 26 March 2005.

The Directors have reviewed the Company's existing accounting policies and consider that they are consistent with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standards ('FRS') 18 'Accounting Policies'. We have considered the new standards FRS 20 'Share based Payments' and FRS21 'Events after the Balance Sheet Date'; however they have no impact on the financial statements. The Company's accounting policies are otherwise consistent with the prior year.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 1 'Cash Flow Statements'. The Company is also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the De La Rue Group.

#### (b) Consolidation of subsidiaries

The financial statements contain information about De La Rue International Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group of companies. The Company is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its ultimate parent, De La Rue plc, a company registered in England and Wales. References to "Group" mean to De La Rue plc and its subsidiaries.

#### (c) Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the appropriate year-end rates of exchange. The profits and losses of overseas branches have been translated into sterling at average rates for the year.

Differences arising from the restatement of the opening balance sheet of overseas branches at closing rates, together with the year end adjustment to closing rates of profit and loss accounts translated at average rates, are dealt with through reserves.

### (d) Turnover

Turnover represents sales of manufactured products and services which fall within the Company's ordinary trading activities. This excludes VAT and other sales taxes.

Revenue is recognised in the profit and loss account when goods or services are supplied to external and intra Group customers in accordance with the terms of sale. The significant risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to the buyer when goods are supplied.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### (e) Goodwill amortisation

Upon the acquisition of a business, fair values that reflect the conditions at the date of acquisition are attributed to the identifiable net assets acquired. When the consideration paid for a business exceeds such net assets, the difference is treated as goodwill and is capitalised and amortised over an appropriate period not exceeding 20 years. For acquisitions prior to 1 April 1998 all goodwill is eliminated in the Company balance sheet against reserves. On disposal of a business the profit or loss on disposal is determined, after including the attributable amount of purchased goodwill to the extent that this has not been amortised through the profit and loss account. Negative goodwill is capitalised and amortised through the profit and loss account over the estimated life to which the goodwill relates.

#### (f) Other intangible assets

Distribution rights are amortised over their useful economic lives as determined by the life of the products to which they relate.

#### (g) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated on a straight line basis at rates sufficient to write down the assets over their expected useful lives.

The principal annual rates of depreciation are as follows:

Leasehold properties with less

Written off over life of lease

than 50 years unexpired

Plant and equipment Ranging from 8% to 33 %

Fixtures and fittings 10%.

#### (h) Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Tangible fixed assets acquired under finance leases are included in the balance sheet at their equivalent capital value and are depreciated over their useful lives. The corresponding liabilities are recorded as a creditor and the interest elements of the finance lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account.

#### (i) Research and development

Product research and development expenditure is written off in the year in which it is incurred.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

#### 1 Accounting policies (Continued)

#### (j) Taxation

The charge for UK taxation, based on profit for the year, is made in the financial statements of the parent company, De La Rue Holdings plc.

The parent company also accounts for deferred taxation in respect of timing differences between profit as computed for taxation purposes and profit as stated in the accounts to the extent that such differences are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future. Where advance corporation tax cannot be offset with reasonable certainty against current, future or deferred UK taxation liabilities, taking into account expected results and dividends, it is written off in the profit and loss account.

#### (k) Stocks

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost, including relevant production overheads, and net realisable value.

#### (I) Pensions

The pension rights of De La Rue International Limited's employees are dealt with through a self administered scheme, the assets of which are held independently of the Company's finances. The scheme is a defined benefit scheme that is funded partly by contributions from members and partly by contributions from De La Rue plc and its subsidiaries at rates advised by independent professionally qualified actuaries. In accordance with FRS 17, De La Rue International Limited accounts for its contributions as though it were a defined contribution scheme. This is because the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme cover De La Rue plc and a number of its subsidiaries and it cannot be split between each subsidiary on a consistent and reasonable basis. Full details of the scheme and its deficits (measured on an IAS 19 basis) can be found in Note 24 to the consolidated financial statements of De La Rue plc.

#### (m) Investments

Investments are stated at cost in the balance sheet, less provision for any impairment.

#### 2 Directors' emoluments & auditors' remuneration

The auditors' remuneration was borne by the intermediate parent undertaking.

Directors' emoluments for Mr S A King are disclosed in the accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking, De La Rue plc, and those of Miss C L Fluker are disclosed in the accounts of the immediate parent company De La Rue Holdings plc. No other Director received emoluments in his capacity as a Director of the Company.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

#### 3 Turnover

Turnover by geographical market is analysed below:

|                | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| United Kingdom | 72,345        | 61,667        |
| Rest of Europe | 40,229        | 55,912        |
| Rest of World  | 232,735       | 252,066       |
|                | 345,309       | 369,645       |

The Company's business is based in the UK. The majority of net assets of the Company are located in the UK. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption for segmental reporting contained in SSAP 25 as segmental information is given in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent undertaking, De La Rue plc.

# 4 Operating costs

|                         | 2006    | 2005       |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|
|                         | £'000   | £'000      |
|                         |         | (restated) |
| Cost of sales           | 273,925 | 284,180    |
| Distribution costs      | 11,426  | 11,023     |
| Administrative expenses | 34,989  | 49,254     |
|                         | 320,340 | 344,457    |

Prior year distribution and administrative costs have been restated to reflect revised presentation of Debden distribution costs.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

# 5 Operating profit

|  | 2006    | 2005     |
|--|---------|----------|
|  | £'000   | £'000    |
| Operating profit is stated after the following amounts have been charged/(credited): |         |          |
| Staff costs  |         |          |
| - Wages and salaries   | 85,226  | 89,774   |
| - Social security costs  | 4,944   | 5,610    |
| - Other pension costs  | 7,348   | 9,200    |
| Amortisation of goodwill and other intangible fixed assets                           | 627     | 539      |
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets  |         |          |
| - purchased  | 10,761  | 12,164   |
| - leased   | 3,004   | 4,252    |
| Operating leases   |         |          |
| - hire of plant and machinery  | 261     | 300      |
| - other  | 1,436   | 2,602    |
| Research and development   | 4,371   | 5,630    |
| (Profit)/loss on sale of fixed assets  | 329     | (278)    |
|  |         | 4        |
| Exceptional items charged/(credited) to operating profit:                            |         |          |
| Reorganisation costs (charged to cost of sales)                                      | 2,819   | 7,391    |
| Reversal of impairment in Portuguese JV (credited to administration                  | (444)   | (438)    |
| costs)   |         |          |
| Non-operating items  |         |          |
|  | 2006    | 2005     |
|  | £'000   | £'000    |
|  |         |          |
| Write back of warranty provisions  | -       | 1,476    |
| Impairment of investment in subsidiary undertaking                                   | (2,328) | (11,200) |
|  | (2,328) | (9,724)  |
|  |         |          |
| Interest receivable and similar income   |         |          |
|  | 2006    | 2005     |
|  | £'000   | £'000    |
| Interest receivable from Group undertakings  | 14      | 418      |
| External interest receivable   |         | 14       |
|  | 14      | 432      |

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

## 8 Interest payable and similar charges

|  | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Interest paid to Group undertakings                      | 1,080         | 1,121         |
| Finance lease interest in respect of plant and machinery | 700           | 840           |
| Other interest payable                                   | 50            | 100           |
|  | 1,830         | 2,061         |

# 9 Taxation on profit on ordinary activities

|  | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Taxation on profit on ordinary activities: | 2 000         | 2 000         |
| Overseas taxation                          | 53            | 100           |

Subsequent to the adoption of an agreement between the Company and De La Rue Holdings plc, the latter will meet all UK corporate tax liabilities relating to the profits of the Company, so long as it remains a member of the Group.

There is a deferred tax liability reflected in the financial statements of the immediate parent company following the arrangements mentioned in Accounting Policy Note 1(j).

# 10 Intangible assets

|                        |          | Intellectual |              |       |
|------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------|
|                        |          | Property     | Distribution | Total |
|                        | Goodwill | Rights       | Rights       |       |
|                        | £'000    | £'000        | £'000        | £'000 |
| Cost or valuation      |          |              |              |       |
| At 27 March 2005       | 4,791    | 1,047        | 314          | 6,152 |
| Additions              | 649      | _            | -            | 649   |
| At 25 March 2006       | 5,440    | 1,047        | 314          | 6,801 |
| Amortisation           |          |              |              |       |
| At 27 March 2005       | 3,230    | 158          | 314          | 3,702 |
| Provision for the year | 575      | 52           | <del>.</del> | 627   |
| At 25 March 2006       | 3,805    | 210          | 314          | 4,329 |
| Net book value         |          |              |              |       |
| At 27 March 2005       | 1,561    | 889          | -            | 2,450 |
| At 25 March 2006       | 1,635    | 837          | •            | 2,472 |

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

## 11 Tangible assets

|                                     | Freehold  |           | Fixtures | Assets in    |          |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
|                                     | land and  | Plant and | and      | course of    |          |
|                                     | buildings | machinery | fittings | construction | Total    |
|                                     | £'000     | £'000     | £'000    | £'000        | £'000    |
| Cost or valuation                   |           |           |          |              |          |
| At 27 March 2005                    | 4,119     | 194,368   | 22,045   | 1,588        | 222,120  |
| Transfer to Group Companies         | -         | (2,886)   | •        | -            | (2,886)  |
| Transfers from assets in the course |           |           |          |              |          |
| of construction                     | -         | 567       | -        | (567)        | -        |
| Additions                           | 820       | 4,406     | 609      | 2,077        | 7,912    |
| Disposals                           | -         | (1,640)   | (8,887)  | <u>.</u>     | (10,527) |
| At 25 March 2006                    | 4,939     | 194,815   | 13,767   | 3,098        | 216,619  |
| Accumulated depreciation            |           |           |          |              |          |
| At 27 March 2005                    | 294       | 127,200   | 18,524   |              | 146,018  |
| Transfer to Group Companies         | -         | (2,836)   | ,        | -            | (2,836)  |
| Provision for the year              | 236       | 11,974    | 1,555    | _            | 13,765   |
| Disposals                           | -         | (1,637)   | (8,349)  |              | (9,986)  |
| At 25 March 2006                    | 530       | 134,701   | 11,730   | -            | 146,961  |
| Net book value                      |           |           |          |              |          |
| At 26 March 2005                    | 3,825     | 67,168    | 3,521    | 1,588        | 76,102   |
| At 25 March 2006                    | 4,409     | 60,114    | 2,037    | 3,098        | 69,658   |

The net book value of plant and machinery held under finance leases at 25 March 2006 was £8,285,000 (2005: £12,872,000). Depreciation charged during the year amounted to £3,004,000 (2005: £4,252,000).

#### 12 Investments

|                          | €'000    |
|--------------------------|----------|
| At cost on 27 March 2005 | 85,991   |
| Additions                | 180      |
| Disposals                | (72,923) |
| Impairment of investment | (2,328)  |
| At cost on 25 March 2006 | 10,920   |

During the year, the Company sold its investment in De La Rue Cash Systems AB (acquired in September 2004) to De La Rue Investments Limited for SEK 948,000,000.

The Company invested a further £117,000 in Shenzhen De La Rue Nantian Banking Technology Corporation Limited ("Shenzhen") and £63,000 in De La Rue Cash Systems FZCO (Dubai).

As a result of reassessment of future prospects, the carrying value of the investments in De La Rue South Africa (Proprietary) Limited and Shenzhen have been fully impaired.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements - 25 March 2006

# 13 Subsidiary undertakings

The following information deals only with those subsidiaries that, in the opinion of the Directors principally affected the profit or the amount of assets of De La Rue International Limited.

| Name of Subsidiary  | Country of<br>Registration<br>or<br>Incorporation | Class of<br>shares | Nature of<br>business | Proportion of<br>nominal value of<br>issued shares<br>held by the<br>Company |
|---|---|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Currency Systems International UK Holding Company Limited De La Rue Global Services (Ptv) | UK  | Ordinary           | Cash Systems          | 100%   |
| Limited De La Rue Systems –   | South Africa                                      | Ordinary           | Security Printing     | 100%   |
| Automatizacao, S.A.   | Portugal  | Ordinary           | Cash Systems          | 100%   |
| De La Rue Mexico S.A, de C.V  | Mexico  | Ordinary           | Security printing     | 100% <sup>-</sup>  |
| De La Rue Cash Systems AB   | Sweden  | Ordinary           | Cash Systems          | 100%   |

# 14 Associated undertakings

The Company has investments in an associated undertaking, as set out in the table below. This associate has a 31 March year-end.

|    |  | Country of<br>registration<br>or | Nature of            | Class of | Interest of<br>De La Rue<br>Holdings |
|----|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
|    | Name of Associated undertaking                     | Incorporation                    | business             | shares   | Limited                              |
|    | Valora-Servicos de Apoio à Emissão<br>Monitaria SA | Portugal                         | Currency<br>printing | Ordinary | 25%                                  |
| 15 | Stocks   |                                  |                      |          |                                      |
|    |  |                                  |                      | 2006     | 2005                                 |
|    |  |                                  |                      | £'000    | £'000                                |
|    | Raw materials                                      |                                  | •                    | 4,229    | 8,312                                |
|    | Work-in-progress                                   |                                  |                      | 8,800    | 12,168                               |
|    | Finished goods and spares                          |                                  |                      | 14,832   | 11,011                               |
|    | Goods in transit                                   |                                  |                      | 112      | 114                                  |
|    |  |                                  |                      | 27,973   | 31,605                               |

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# 16 Debtors - amounts due within one year

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|   | 2006    | 2005    |
|---|---------|---------|
|   | £'000   | £'000   |
|   |         | 2.7.    |
| Trade debtors                                   | 34,497  | 30,164  |
| Amounts owed by Group undertakings              | 14,094  | 11,949  |
| Other debtors                                   | 3,858   | 3,919   |
| Prepayments and accrued income                  | 4,888   | 1,547   |
|   | 57,337  | 47,579  |
|   | 07,007  | 47,579  |
| Debtors - amounts due after one year            | 2006    | 2005    |
| •   | £'000   | £'000   |
| Amounts owed by Group undertakings              | 700,866 | 703,979 |
| Other debtors                                   | 29      | 30      |
|   | 700,895 | 704,009 |
| Creditors - amounts falling due within one year |         |         |
|   | 2006    | 2005    |
|   | £'000   | £'000   |
| Bank loans and overdrafts                       | 132,682 | 109,479 |
| Payments received on account                    | 29,558  | 20,898  |
| Trade creditors                                 | 14,279  | 10,978  |
| Amounts owed to Group undertakings              | 23,050  | 17,050  |
| Other creditors                                 | 3,653   | 5,708   |
| Taxation and social security                    | 2,073   | 2,409   |
| Accruals and deferred income                    | 29,130  | 29,115  |
| Obligations under finance leases                | 1,762   | 1,432   |
|   | 236,187 | 197,069 |

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured and interest free.

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### 18 Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year

|                                    | 2006    | 2005    |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                    | £'000   | £'000   |
| Amounts owed to Group undertakings | 559,312 | 621,410 |
| Other creditors                    | 321     | 126     |
| Accruals and deferred income       | 12      | 56      |
| Obligations under finance leases   |         |         |
| Between one and two years          | 5,266   | 3,359   |
| Between two and five years         | 5,546   | 8,992   |
| Over five years                    | -       | 1,817   |
|                                    | 570,457 | 635,760 |

The finance lease obligation is repayable quarterly in advance and interest is accrued at LIBOR plus 45 basis points.

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured and interest free.

# 19 Provisions for liabilities and charges

|                  | Pensions    |         |          |
|------------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|                  | & similar   |         |          |
|                  | obligations | Other   | Total    |
|                  | £'000       | £'000   | £'000    |
| At 27 March 2005 | 17,562      | 12,732  | 30,294   |
| Provided in year | 4,906       | 8,043   | 12,949   |
| Utilised in year | (4,330)     | (6,102) | (10,432) |
| Released in year | (189)       | (3,667) | (3,856)  |
| At 25 March 2006 | 17,949      | 11,006  | 28,955   |

As at 25 March 2006 other provisions principally include:

Reorganisation provisions of £4,417,000 (2005 £7,853,000). Cash Systems provided for a further £1,239,000 in respect of reorganisations and utilised £3,554,000, leaving a balance of £3,720,000 carried forward. Security Products utilised £367,000 of its provision and released £776,000 in the year, leaving £250,000 carried forward. Debden provided a further £126,000 in respect of reorganisations and utilised £100,000 during the year leaving £447,000 carried forward.

There are no other individually material provisions within provisions for liabilities and charges.

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# 20 Called up share capital

|   | 2006           | 2005           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   |                |                |
| Authorised:   |                |                |
| 152,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each                | £152,000,000   | £152,000,000   |
| 29,000 Redeemable preference shares of SFr 1,000 each | Swf 29,000,000 | Swf 29,000,000 |
|   |                |                |
|   | 2006           | 2005           |
|   | £'000          | £'000          |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid:                   |                |                |
| 152,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each                | 152,000        | 152,000        |

## 21 Reserves

|   | Profit   | Profit   |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | and loss | and loss |
|   | Account  | Account  |
|   | 2006     | 2005     |
|   | £'000    | £'000    |
| At 27 March 2005                                      | 8,310    | (5,459)  |
| Currency translation                                  | -        | 34       |
| Profit for the financial year transferred to reserves | 20,772   | 13,735   |
| At 25 March 2006                                      | 29,082   | 8,310    |

## 22 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

|   | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Profit for the financial year transferred to reserves | 20,772        | 13,735        |
| Other recognised gains relating to the year (net)     | -             | 34            |
| Net increase in shareholders' funds                   | 20,772        | 13,769        |
| Opening shareholders' funds                           | 160,310       | 146,541       |
| Closing shareholders' funds                           | 181,082       | 160,310       |

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# 23 Particulars of employees

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|   | 2006<br>Number | 200<br>Numbe |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| The average number of persons employed by the Company during the      |                |              |
| year was:   |                |              |
| United Kingdom  | 2,032          | 2,18         |
| Rest of the World   | 55             | 6            |
|   | 2,087          | 2,25         |
| Contingent liabilities  |                |              |
| There were contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date in respe- | ct of:         |              |
|   | 2006           | 200          |
|   | £'000          | £'00         |
| Guarantees to banks and others:                                       |                |              |
| On behalf of other Group undertakings                                 | 3,637          | 3,89         |
| Capital commitments   |                |              |
|   | 2006           | 200          |
|   | £'000          | £'00         |
| The following capital commitments existed at the balance sheet date:  |                |              |
| Contracted but not provided for in the financial statements           | 7,389          | 3,62         |

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#### 26 Leases

|  | 2006<br>£'000 | 2005<br>£'000<br>(restated) |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Annual commitments under operating leases are: |               |                             |
| Land and buildings                             |               |                             |
| Leases expiring:                               |               |                             |
| Within one year                                | 700           | 196                         |
| Between one and two years                      | -             | 500                         |
| Between two and five years                     | 20            | 20                          |
| After five years                               | 855           | 734                         |
| Others   |               |                             |
| Leases expiring:                               |               |                             |
| Within one year                                | 181           | 283                         |
| Between one and two years                      | 86            | 60                          |
| Between two and five years                     | 99            | 24                          |
| After five years                               | -             | -                           |
|  |               |                             |

#### 27 Pension costs

The Company is a participating employer in one of the De La Rue plc Group pension schemes. The principal schemes are of the defined benefit type with assets held in separate trustee administered funds. Total pension costs were £7,348,000 (2005: £9,200,000). A provision of £17,949,000 (2005: £17,562,000) is held on the balance sheet, representing the difference between the contributions to the schemes and the amount charged in the financial statements. Details of the latest actuarial valuations and the assumptions underlying them are contained in the financial statements of De La Rue plc.

#### 28 Cash flow statement and related party disclosures

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of De La Rue plc and is included in the consolidated financial statements of De La Rue plc which are publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1. The Company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions (but not balances) with entities that are part of the De La Rue Group or investees of the De La Rue Group.

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# 29 Immediate and ultimate parent undertaking

The immediate parent undertaking of the Company is De La Rue Holdings plc and the ultimate parent undertaking is De La Rue plc, both of which are registered in England and Wales. The De La Rue Group is the only Group of which the Company is a member and for which Group financial statements are prepared. Copies of the Group financial statements are available from the Secretary, De La Rue plc at De La Rue House, Jays Close, Viables, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 4BS.