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STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

COMPANY INFORMATION

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STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

The directors submit their forty third annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2006

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the group is the production, packing and marketing of eggs and egg products. The company operates from its own packing facility at Lacock utilising additional contract packing facilities when required

Business Review and Future Developments

Principal risks and uncertainties

The group's sales mix is concentrated into a few major retailers and therefore is potentially at risk if one of the major customers de-listed the company as a supplier. In order to minimise the risk, trading relationships are constantly monitored to ensure excellent working relationships.

A further risk to the business is the ability to meet the demands of the retailer by having the correct supply and type of egg. The group is very aware of current trends to move to Free Range and Organic Eggs and continues to actively recruit supply from this area.

Given the recent outbreaks of Avian Influenza the group has reviewed its policies governing this area. Having reviewed its supply base and given its dispersion throughout the UK, the risk to the business from such an outbreak has been minimised as far as possible.

The group is at risk in the sourcing of its raw materials due to its primary costs being driven by world prices for wheat. It is hoped that by having strong relationship with the retailers these fluctuations will be passed on up through the supply chain

The group ensures that all risks within the workplace are reviewed and relevant actions are taken where appropriate so as to provide a safe working environment for all our employees

New products

The company continues to develop the retail market by the introduction of New Brands. To this end we continue to develop both customer specific and genetic brands to differentiate us in the market place.

Future developments

Stonegate Farmers Limited became a subsidiary of Clifford Kent Holdings Limited ("Clifford Kent") in November 2005 which itself, along with Deans Food Group Limited ("Deans"), became a subsidiary of Noble Foods Limited ("Noble") in July 2006

On 13 September 2006 the Office of Fair Trading referred the completed merger between Deans and Clifford Kent to the Competition Commission for investigation under section 22 of the Enterprises Act 2002. As a result of this referral, the Competition Commission published a report on 20 April 2007 concluding that the merger may be expected to result in substantial lessening of competition within the egg market which in turn may be expected to result in adverse effects on producers and a reduction in production volumes with retailers and ultimate consumers being faced with higher prices

The conclusion of the Competition Commission merger inquiry was that the divestiture of Clifford Kent and its subsidiaries is likely to be the most effective and proportionate remedy for dealing with the findings and accordingly, the Competition Commission ruled that the divestiture should be completed by 22 February 2008

Therefore the Directors of Noble, the ultimate controlling party of Stonegate Farmers Limited, have sought to divest the activities of Clifford Kent and its subsidiaries through a disposal of the share capital of Clifford Kent in line with this timetable. At the time of signing this directors' report, Noble are currently in the final stages of disposing of the entire share capital of Clifford Kent.

The Directors of Stonegate Farmers Limited do not envisage that this transaction will materially impact the operations of Stonegate Farmers Limited and its subsidiaries

STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Financial risk management

The group's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, bank overdrafts, trade creditors and trade debtors

Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the group there is no exposure to price risk. The group's approach to managing other risks applicable to the financial instruments concerned is shown below.

In respect of bank balances the liquidity risk is managed by maintaining a balance between the continuity of funding and flexibility through the use of overdrafts at floating rates of interest

Trade debtors are managed in respect of credit and cash flow by policies concerning the credit offered to customers and the regular monitoring of amounts outstanding for both time and credit limits

Trade creditors liquidity risk is managed by ensuring sufficient funds are available to meet the amounts due

Key performance indicators

Given the straightforward nature of the group's operations, the directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

Results and Dividends

The group loss for the period after taxation, attributable to shareholders, was £1,468,308 (2005) profit of £1,169,775). No dividends have been paid or proposed for the period (2005) £nil).

The state of affairs of the group is shown on page 10

Directors

The following Directors have held office since 1 October 2005

J D Sheppard (Appointed 6 August 2007)
P J Corbett (Appointed 6 August 2007)
M R J Kent (Resigned 7 November 2006)
R L Swaffield FCA (Resigned 6 August 2007)
N I Rogers (Resigned 27 June 2007)

Employees

The Directors recognise that the future success of the business is highly dependent upon the loyalty, skills and motivation of the group's employees and, therefore, encourage the supply of information on the progress of their business unit and the group as a whole

Employee participation in improving the efficiency of the business is actively sought at all levels through regular meetings

The group recognises its responsibility to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment by disabled persons having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities as well as ensuring that any person becoming disabled whilst employed is provided with, as far as is practicable, equal opportunities for training and career developments

Company Status

The Directors are of the opinion that the Holding Company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Statement Of Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are required under company law to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those financial statements they are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently,
- make reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group or 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 group 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 group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors and disclosure of information to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the group's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of the information.

Auditors

Albert Goodman have agreed to offer themselves for appointment as auditors of the Company and a resolution will be put to the Annual General Meeting proposing them as auditors under Section 384(1) of the Companies Act 1985

By Order of the Board

J**\D**i **Shé**ppard Director

19 March 2008

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STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Stonegate Farmers Limited for the year ended 30 September 2006 set out on pages 8 to 36 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 12 to 14

This report is made solely to the company's members as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members 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 members 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

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 whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Directors' Report. 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 other information.

Basis Of Audit Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 group's and 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.

Qualified Opinion Arising From Disagreement About Accounting Treatment

Included within group and company tangible assets are freehold operating properties valued at an amount of £15,866,000 (group) and £10,475,000 (company). These properties have been included at open market value, based on valuations provided for the Company's bankers. The appropriate Financial Reporting Standard 15 – Tangible Fixed Assets, requires that such properties should be valued on the basis of open market value with existing use, although this was not specified in the instruction to the valuers. Because of the additional costs that would be involved in re-instructing the valuers, a further valuation on the existing use basis has not been performed and therefore it is not possible to quantity whether there would be any material difference in the valuations.

STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

Except for the failure to revalue the freehold operating properties in accordance with FRS 15, 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 group's and parent company's affairs as at 30 September 2006 and of the group's loss for the year then ended, and
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

Albert Goodman

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STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Note	2006 £	2005 As Restated £
Turnover	2	94,905,982	103,442,646
Net operating expenses	3	(94,915,734)	(100,958,400)
Operating (loss)/profit	5	(9,752)	2,484,246
Re-organisation costs		(516,581)	(503,343)
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		296,846	434,039
Impairment of fixed assets		(975,894)	(236,576)
(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxa	tion	(1,205,381)	2,178,366
Net interest payable	6	(1,126,218)	(1,054,469)
(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(2,331,599)	1,123,897
Taxation	7	863,291	45,878
(Loss) / profit for the financial year		(1,468,308)	1,169,775

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations

STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Note		2005	
		2006 £	As Restated £	
(Loss) / profit for the financial year	20	(1,468,308)	1,169,775	
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties		-	7,574,696	
Deferred tax on revaluations		-	(664,541)	
Actuarial gains on pension schemes		184,000	126,000	
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		(1,284,308)	8,205,930	
Prior year adjustment (as explained in note 1)		(2,621,000)		
Total gains and losses recognised since last annual report		(3,905,308)		

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

	2006 £	2005 As Restated £
Reported (loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(2,331,599)	1,123,897
Realisation of property revaluation gains of previous years	2,252,493	-
Difference between a historical depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	109,269	
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation and historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation and dividends	30,163	1,123,897

STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES **BALANCE SHEETS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

			GROUP	COMPANY	
	Note	2006	2005 Restated	2006	2005 Restated
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Intangible Assets	9	1,095,407	3,073,251	-	-
Tangible Assets	10	28,121,600	23,736,730	13,498,790	12,615,366
Investments	11	6,069	6,069	8,856,542	830,042
		29,223,076	26,816,050	22,355,332	13,445,408
					
Current Assets					
Stocks	12	5,338,582	5,025,488	893,603	1,055,306
Debtors	13	18,288,800	17,851,207	13,420,266	14,152,103
Cash at bank and in hand		216,271	5,578,955	710	123
		23,843,653	28,455,650	14,314,579	15,207,532
Creditors					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	(34,049,807)	(24,510,843)	(29,315,850)	(12,676,631)
Net Current (liabilities) / assets		(10,206,154)	3,944,807	(15,001,271)	2,530,901
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		19,016,922	30,760,857	7,354,061	15,976,309
Creditors:					
Amounts falling due after					
more than one year	15	(781,665)	(10,143,248)	(643,305)	(9,084,401)
Provisions for liabilities and charges:					
Deferred taxation	17	-	(865,997)	-	(142,540)
Pension liability	25	(2,376,000)	(2,621,000)	(1,335,000)	(1,468,000)
		15,859,257	17,130,612	5,375,756	5,281,368
Capital and Reserves					
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Called up share capital	18	2,681,527	2,678,771	2,681,527	2,681,527
Share premium account	19	195,251	185,054	195,251	195,251
Merger reserve	19	1,799,221	1,799,221	1,799,221	1,799,221
Revaluation reserve	19	4,548,393	6,910,155	4,195,469	4,281,091
Profit and loss account	19	6,634,865	5,557,411	(3,495,712)	(3,675,722)
	20	15,859,257	17,130,612	5,375,756	5,281,368
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P J Corbett Director

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STONEGATE FARMERS LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2006

	Note	£	2006 £	£	2005	£
			2		•	•
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	21		(2,618,508)		908,80	15
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest paid		(962,158)		(858,413)		
Interest received Finance lease & hire purchase interest pai	d	32,403 (105,463)		21,375 (80,431) 		
Net cash outflow for returns on investments servicing of finance			(1,035,218)		(917,46	i9)
Taxation			(17,741)			-
Capital Expenditure Payments to acquire tangible assets Receipts from sales of tangible assets		(6,508,389) 5,332,129		(1,570,424) 2,090,400		
Net cash (outflow) / inflow for capital ex	penditure		(1,176,260)		519,97	6
Acquisitions & Disposals Purchase of subsidiary undertaking Net overdrafts acquired with subsidiary		407,377 (209,627)		(4,358,000)		
Net cash inflow / (outflow) for acquisitions & disposals	23		197,750		(4,358,00	(0)
Net cash outflow before management of liquid resources & finar	ncing		(4 040 077)		(2.046.60	-
			(4,649,977)		(3,846,68	8)
Financing Disposal of own shares New secured loan		12,953		- 9,150,000		
Repayment of secured loan New parent company loans		(9,920,653) 15,520,863		(6,801,877) -		
Capital element of finance lease rental pay	ments	(378,945)		(259,693)		
Net cash inflow from financing	22		5,234,218		2,088,43	0
Increase / (decrease) in cash in the year			584,241		(1,758,25 	8)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

11 Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of fixed assets and investment properties

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The true and fair override provisions of the Companies Act 1985 have been invoked, see "investment properties" below

1.2 Changes to Accounting Policies

In preparing the financial statements for the current year, the group has adopted FRS 17 "Retirement Benefits". The adoption of FRS 17 has resulted in a change in accounting policy for the pension liability of the groups two defined benefit schemes.

The change in accounting policy has resulted in a prior year adjustment for both the group and the company. Provision for the pension liability arising from the pension schemes is now made in the accounts, previously the liability was disclosed by way of note.

The effect of this change on the group is to reduce net assets at 30 September 2006 by £2,376,000 and at 30 September 2005 by £2,621,000 For the company, net assets have reduced by £1,335,000 at 30 September 2006 and £1,468,000 at 30 September 2005

A prior year adjustment has been made to recognise these amounts and restate the corresponding figures accordingly

13 Going Concern

As explained in the Director's report, Noble Foods Limited are in the process of disposing of the entire share capital of Clifford Kent Holdings Limited, the direct parent company of Stonegate Farmers Limited. The draft terms and conditions of this transaction require that the existing funding of the group will fall due for repayment upon successful completion of the transaction. The proposed purchaser has prepared projections for the trading of the business post the transaction and secured an offer of funding on this basis. In the unlikely event that this transaction should fail the directors have prepared projections for the continued trade of the existing group under current funding arrangements whilst an alternative purchaser is found. Whichever outcome ultimately happens the directors of the company and its subsidiaries consider that the company and its subsidiaries will have sufficient funding to continue to meet their liabilities as they fall due and consequently these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

14 Accounting Periods

The Group prepares financial statements to the end of a week, thus the annual accounting periods are generally for 52 weeks and periodically for 53 weeks

1.5 Group Accounts

Group accounts are presented which incorporate the accounts of the Company and its Subsidiaries No separate profit and loss account is presented for the Company, as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985

Profits and losses of companies entering or leaving the Group are included from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal. The net assets of subsidiaries acquired are included on the basis of their fair value at the date of acquisition.

1.6 Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts receivable for Group external sales in respect of goods and services supplied to customers excluding Value Added Tax

17 Fixed Assets

Freehold operating properties are stated at open market value. A qualified external valuer undertakes full professional valuations every 5 years, interim valuations are undertaken in the third year after full valuation and in intervening years only where it is likely that there has been a material change in value

Broadly speaking, FRS 15 requires revaluations to be carried out on an open market value with existing use basis. The directors did not specify this when instructing the Valuer to provide the valuations for bank security purposes and, therefore, to this extent, there is a departure from FRS 15. The directors are of the view that this would not materially affect the view given by the financial statements and, as such, the cost of obtaining further valuations on the otherwise "correct" basis would outweigh the benefit gained.

18 Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on fixed assets when bought into use to write off the cost or valuation of each asset over its expected useful life on a straight line basis at the following rates

Freehold buildings

Leasehold Property

Over remaining period of lease

Plant and equipment

2% to 33 ¹/₃ %

Motor vehicles

20% to 50%

Freehold land is not depreciated

19 Goodwill

Goodwill ansing on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings representing any excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over its useful economic life, which is 20 years. Provision is made for any impairment

Goodwill arising on acquisitions in respect of periods up to 30 September 1999 was written off to reserves in accordance with the accounting standard then in force. As permitted by the current standard the goodwill previously written off to reserves has not been reinstated in the balance sheet. On disposal or closure of a previously acquired business, the attributable amount of goodwill previously written off is included in determining the profit or loss on disposal

1 10 Investment Properties

Investment properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value. Depreciation is provided only on those investment properties which are leasehold and where the unexpired lease term is less than 20 years. Although this accounting policy is in accordance with the applicable accounting standard, SSAP 19, Accounting for Investment Properties, it is a departure from the general requirement of the Companies Act 1985 for all tangible assets to be depreciated. In the opinion of the directors compliance with the standard is necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount of this which might otherwise have been charged cannot be separately identified or quantified

1.11 Government Grants

Grants relating to the purchase of tangible fixed assets are treated as follows -

- In respect of assets where no depreciation is provided, as a deduction from cost a)
- b) In respect of assets subject to annual depreciation, as a credit to a deferred credit account which is subsequently released to revenue by annual instalments over the identical period over which the assets are depreciated

1 12 Leasing

Assets held under finance leases which give rights approximating to ownership are capitalised and the equivalent obligation recognised as a liability. Leasing payments are apportioned between finance charges and capital repayments Depreciation is charged so as to write off the capitalised cost over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Expenditure on operating leases is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred. Income in respect of operating leases is credited to the profit and loss account when receivable

1 13 Stocks

Eggs, egg products and packaging stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Livestock is included at cost or a depreciated value having regard to its age at the balance sheet date

1 14 Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has been discounted to take account of future cash flows on a full reversal basis

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

115 Pensions

The group operates a defined contribution scheme and two defined benefit schemes. For defined benefit schemes the amounts charged to operating profit are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailment. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The interest cost and the expected return on assets are shown as a net amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

Defined benefit schemes are funded, with the assets of the scheme held separately from those of the group, in separate trustee administered funds. Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term to the scheme liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The resulting defined benefit asset or liability, net of the related deferred tax, is presented separately after other net assets on the face of the balance sheet.

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

2	Turnover	2006 £	2005 £
	The Group operates in one principal area of activity. The analysis of turnover by geographical area is as follows -		
	United Kingdom	94,905,982	103,442,646
•	No. 4	2006	2005
3	Net Operating Expenses	£	£
	Movement in stocks	(313,094)	232,806
	Other operating income	(461,246)	(195,219)
	Purchases	69,252,440	78,374,524
	Staff costs (Note 4)	11,575,310	9,598,250
	Depreciation	1,830,588	1,271,952
	Amortisation of goodwill	192,078	192,077
	Other operating charges	12,839,658	11,484,010
		94,915,734	100,958,400
			
		2006	2005
4	Directors and Employees	£	£
	Group staff costs including directors' emoluments were		
	Wages and salaries	10,549,963	8,618,934
	Social security costs	743,949	822,471
	Other pension costs	281,398	156,845
		11,575,310	9,598,250
		Number	Number
	The average number of persons employed by the Group in the year was	Number	Number
	Management and administration	77	73
	Production, packing and marketing	380	395
		457	468
	Parent company directors		
	Emoluments (excluding pension contributions)		
	As executives	956,023	575,421
	Aggregate value of pension contributions	19,682	14,775
	Emoluments (excluding pension contributions)		
	Highest paid director	799,029	450,280
			
	Pension cost attributable to the highest paid director	8,250	9,000
			

The remuneration in respect of M R J Kent was paid to Clifford Kent Limited

Number of directors accruing final salaries pension benefit 1 (2005 1) Number of directors in money purchase scheme 1 (2005 1) $^{\circ}$

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5	Operating Profit	£	£
	This is stated after charging		
	Depreciation Output description	4 000 470	4 405 000
	Owned assets	1,636,170	1,135,928
	Leased assets	194,418	136,024
	Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	45,922
	Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	368,034	662,292
	- plant and equipment	89,978	200,254
	And after crediting		
	Grant amortisation	(398)	(18,797)
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(296,846)	-
		2006	2005
	Auditor's Remuneration	£	£
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual		
	accounts	29,500	27,700
	accounts	25,500	21,100
	Fees payable to the company's auditor and its associates for other services		
	The audit of the company's subsidianes pursuant to legislation	20,000	20,900
	Other services pursuant to legislation	4,000	900
	Tax services	8,000	7,750
	Valuation and actuarial services	1,400	350
	Services relating to corporate finance transactions	2,800	2,450
	Fees in respect of the group pension schemes Audit	7 600	0.450
	Addit	7,600	8,450
_		2006	2005
6	Net Interest Payable	£	£
	Bank overdraft	292,564	400,109
	Finance lease and hire purchase interest	105,463	80,431
	Bank loans repayable by instalments partly after 5 years	669,594	458,304
	Interest receivable	(32,403)	(21,375)
	Other finance costs – pension scheme	91,000	137,000
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		1,126,218	1,054,469
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		2006	2005
7	Taxation	£	£
	a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
	Tux on profit or ordinary doctrides		
	Current tax		
	UK Corporation Tax at 30% (2005 30%)	-	-
	Under provision in prior year	2,229	2,894
	Total current tax	2,229	2,894
	, old, outfork tax	£,223	ک _ا نی
	Deferred tax		
	Organisation and reversal of timing differences (note 17)	861,062	42,984
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	863,291	45,878
			

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At 30 September 2006

At 30 September 2005

Гаха	ation (continued)	2006 £	2005 £
)	Factors affecting current tax charges		
	The tax assessed for the period is lower than the standard rate of		
	corporation tax in the UK (30%)		
	The differences are set out below		
	(Loss) / profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(2,331,599) ————	1,123,897
		2006	2005
		£	£
rofi	it on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard	-	
	of corporation tax in UK of 30% (2005 30%)	(699,480)	337,169
	enses not deductible for tax purposes	102,983	114,668
	reciation	861,444	472,059
	tal allowances	(840,635)	(760,482)
	it on disposal of fixed assets		
		(69,074)	(125,916)
	rgeable disposals	631,251	0.004
	period adjustments	2,229	2,894
	elieved tax losses	13,511	333,913
UIIS	eation of tax losses		(371,411)
	ent tax charge	0.000	0.004
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10 Tangible Assets

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	Assets In Course Of Construction	Freehold Land & Buildings	Leasehold Land & Buildings	Plant & Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Total
Group	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost Or Valuation						
At 1 October 2005 Acquired With Subsidiar Additions Disposals	566,080	16,249,717 3,445,779 3,252,814 (4,009,930)	766,025	13,515,532 5,146,696 2,676,240 (467,743)	1,090,212 203,370 340,255 (291,345)	31,621,486 8,795,845 6,835,389 (4,769,018)
At 30 September 2006	566,080	18,938,380	766,025	20,870,725	1,342,492	42,483,702
Depreciation						
At 1 October 2005 Acquired with subsidiary Disposals Charge for the year Impairment	, <u>-</u> - - -	714,225 45,386 (10,800) 350,216	164,728 - 75,156	7,263,219 3,233,183 (20,833) 1,180,702 975,894	492,584 126,030 (252,102) 224,514	8,634,756 3,404,599 (283,735) 1,830,588 975,894
At 30 September 2006	-	1,099,027	239,884	12,632,165	591,026	14,562,102
Net Book Value At 30 September 2006	566,080	17,839,353	526,141	8,238,560	751,466	27,921,600
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Net Book Value						
At 30 September 2005	-	15,535,492	601,297	6,252,313	597,628	22,986,730
Finance Leases						
Net book value of assets	held under fina	nce leases includ	led above			
At 30 September 2006	-		-	236,682	124,548	361,230
At 30 September 2005	<u> </u>	-	-	547,935	271,020	818,955
Depreciation charged in	respect of the at	ove				
Year ended 30 September 2006	_	-		135,636	58,782	194,418
Year ended 30 September 2005				187,678	29,391	217,069

Freehold properties were revalued by FPD Savills, Chartered Surveyors on an open market value basis for bank security purposes as at 23 June 2004 These valuations, adjusted for additions and selling prices of properties sold or for sale since that date, were incorporated into the accounts as at 30 September 2005

10 Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)

In respect of fixed assets stated at valuations, the comparable historical cost and depreciation values are as follows -

Historical Cost	£
At 1 October 2005 Acquired with subsidiary Additions Disposals	10,159,391 3,445,779 3,251,083 (1,423,000)
At 30 September 2006	15,433,253
Depreciation	£
At 1 October 2005 Acquired with subsidiary Charge for year Disposals	2,098,982 45,386 239,219 (241,291)
At 30 September 2006	2,142,296
Net Historical Cost Value	£
Net Historical Cost Value At 30 September 2006	13,290,957
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At 30 September 2006	13,290,957
At 30 September 2006 At 1 October 2005	13,290,957 8,060,409
At 30 September 2006 At 1 October 2005 Investment Properties	13,290,957 8,060,409
At 30 September 2006 At 1 October 2005 Investment Properties Valuation At 1 October 2005	13,290,957 8,060,409 £

The valuations of investment properties were made as at 30 September 2006 by the directors on an open market basis. No depreciation is provided in respect of these properties. If the properties were to be sold at the revalued amount no charge would arise to corporation tax.

On an historical cost basis these would have been included at an original cost of £344,990 (2005 £1,103,347) and aggregate depreciation of £144,990 (2005 £336,793)

10 Tangible Fixed Assets (continued)

Company	Assets In Course Of Construction £	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Plant & Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost Or Valuation					
At 1 October 2005 Additions Disposals	566,080 -	7,976,695 1,879,918	13,689,739 459,939 (441,342)	1,487,871 132,910 (144,426)	23,154,305 3,038,847 (585,768)
At 30 September 2006	566,080	9,856,613	13,708,336	1,476,355	25,607,384
Depreciation					
At 1 October 2005 Disposals Charge for the year Impairment	:	113,175 - 187,667	9,476,411 (20,833) 392,376 975,894	949,353 (131,814) 166,365	10,538,939 (152,647) 746,408 975,894
At 30 September 2006	-	300,842	10,823,848	983,904	12,108,594
Net Book Value					
At 30 September 2006	566,080	9,555,771	2,884,488	492,451	13,498,790
At 30 September 2005		7,863,520	4,213,328	538,518	12,615,366
Finance Leases					
Net book value of assets held u	inder finance lease	s included above			
At 30 September 2006			118,341	62,274	180,615
At 1 October 2005	-	•	147,341	271,020	418,361
Depreciation charged in the per	rod in respect of th	e above			
Year ended 30 September 2006	· -		67,818	29,391	97,209
Year ended 30 September 2005	- -		63,844	72,180	136,024

Freehold properties were revalued by FPD Savills, Chartered Surveyors on an open market value basis for bank security purposes as at 23 June 2004 These valuations, adjusted for additions and selling prices of properties sold or for sale since that date, were incorporated into the accounts as at 30 September 2005

10 Tangible Fixed Assets (Continued)

Historical Cost	£
At 1 October 2005 Additions	5,129,217 1,879,918
At 30 September 2006	7,009,135
Depreciation	£
At 1 October 2005 Charge for year	1,546,788 102,043
At 30 September 2006	1,648,831
Net Historical Cost Value	£
At 30 September 2006	5,360,304
At 30 September 2005	3,582,429

11 **Unlisted Investments**

Group		Other £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2005 and 30 September 2006		6,069	6,069
Company	Subsidiary Undertakings £	Other £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 October 2005 Additions	5,856,719 4,583,250	6,069	5,862,788 4,583,250
At 30 September 2006	10,439,969	6,069	10,446,038
Provisions			<u> </u>
At 1 October 2005 Release of provision	5,032,746 (3,443,250)	-	5,032,746 (3,443,250)
At 30 September 2006	1,589,496		1,589,496
Net Book Value			
At 30 September 2006	8,850,473	6,069	8,856,542
At 1 October 2005	823,973	6,069	830,042
Subsidiaries			

The principal trading subsidiaries are as follows

†ı	Country Of ncorporation	Class Of Share	Proportion Held	Nature Of Business
Lincolnshire Chickens Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Egg Production
Stonegate Food Ingredients Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Manufacture of Egg Products
Stonegate Horizon Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Egg Production
New Dawn Group Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Rental of poultry houses
Thames Valley Foods Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Packing and marketing of eggs
South Western Egg Products Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Manufacture of egg products
Manor Farm Products Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Manufacture of egg products
Thames Valley Eggs (Production) Limite	ed England	Ordinary	100%	Egg Production
Countryside Free Range Eggs Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Packing and marketing of eggs
Meadow Farm Eggs Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Packing and marketing of eggs
Thames Valley Eggs (Western) Limited	England	Ordinary	100%	Packing and marketing of eggs

There are a number of other subsidiary companies, which are all wholly owned, which did not trade during the year. The directors have taken advantage of Section 231 (5) of the Companies Act 1985 in not disclosing the above information of these subsidiaries. All subsidiaries are included in these consolidated accounts

12	Stocks				
			GROUP	CC	MPANY
		2006	2005	2006	2005
		£	£	£	£
	Eggs, egg products and packaging Livestock and feed	1,136,663 4,201,919	1,477,165 3,548,323	893,603	1,055,306
	Livestock and leed	4,201,919	3,340,323		
		5,338,582	5,025,488	893,603	1,055,306
13	Debtors				
			GROUP		MPANY
		2006	2005	2006	2005
	Amounts due within one year	£	£	£	£
	Amounts due within one year				
	Trade Debtors Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	15,141,434	11,328,497	10,900,049	8,066,647 335,757
	Other Debtors	2,483,794	6,117,180	2,052,865	5,524,204
	Prepayments	663,572	405,530	467,352	225,495
		18,288,800	17,851,207	13,420,266	14,152,103
14	Creditors Amounts Falling Due Within On	o Yoar			
• •	Ordanois Famounts Faming Due Within On	c rear	GROUP	co	MPANY
		2006	2005	2006	2005
		£	£	£	£
	Bank overdrafts (Note 16) Bank loans (Note 16)	6,044,238	12,029,508 733,338	4,423,827	4,082,527 676,671
	Amounts due to associated companies	15,520,863	-	6,454,622	-
	Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	-	-	10,451,264	-
	Trade creditors	10,420,434	9,087,563	6,910,864	6,818,504
	Corporation tax	22,248	1,352	1,352	1,352
	Other taxes and social security costs	293,904	236,265	167,351	126,687
	Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	518,609 829,676	1,000,229 1,049,298	239,498 438,792	422,381 334,901
	Amounts due under finance lease	029,070	1,049,290	430,792	334,901
	and hire purchase (Note 16)	399,835	373,290	228,280	213,608
		34,049,807	24,510,843	29,315,850	12,676,631
15	Creditors: Amounts Falling Due After More	Than One Ye	ar		
	•		GROUP	co	MPANY
		2006	2005	2006	2005
		£	£	£	£
	Bank loans (Note 16) Other Loans	1 002	8,944,995	-	8,194,163
	Accruals and deferred income	1,902 -	18,653	-	18,652
	Amounts due under finance lease and hire purchase (Note 16)	779,763	1,179,600	643,305	871,586
		781,665	10,143,248	643,305	9,084,401

16 Debt Maturity

Bank loans

Daily Idails	G	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2006	2006 2005 2006	2005 2006	2005	
	£	£	£	£	
Repayable within one year	-	733,338	-	676,671	
Repayable between 1 and 2 years	-	733,338	-	676,671	
Repayable between 2 and 5 years	-	2,200,012	-	2,030,012	
Repayable over 5 years	-	6,011,645	-	5,487,480	
	-	9,678,333	-	8,870,834	

Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

	GROUP		со	MPANY
	2006	2005	2006	2005
	£	£	£	£
Repayable within one year	399,835	373,290	228,280	213,608
Repayable between 2 and 5 years	779,763	1,179,600	643,305	871,586
	1,179,598	1,552,890	871,585	1,085,194

Assets held under finance lease hire purchase agreements are secured by way of a charge over the assets acquired Group overdraft facilities are secured by mortgage debentures incorporating a fixed and floating charge

17	Deferred Taxation	2006	2005
	Group	£	2005 £
	The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the period was		
	Provision brought forward	865 997	244 440

865,997

There is an unprovided deferred tax asset at 30 September 2006 made up as follows

	2006		2005	
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£	£	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over				
depreciation on fixed assets	-	253,517	874,926	-
Freehold revaluation	-	-	664,541	-
Other short-term timing differences	_	(18,703)	-	_
Tax losses available	-	(803,445)	(428,553)	(628,888)
Discounting	-	-	(244,917)	•
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(712,800)	-	(786,300)
		(1,281,431)	865,997	(1,415,188)
		()= - ()		

The deferred tax asset is not recognised due to the uncertainty of sufficient future taxable profits for it to reverse

Company	2006 £	2005 £
The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the period was Provision brought forward Profit and loss account movement during the period	142,540 (142,540)	55,391 87,149
Provision carried forward	-	142,540

There is an unprovided deferred tax asset at 30 September 2006 made up as follows

	Provided £	2006 Unprovided £	Provided £	2005 Unprovided £
Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets Other short-term timing differences Tax losses available Discounting	- - -	606,142 (18,703) (394,284)	731,903 - (428,553) (160,810)	- - -
Defined benefit pension liability	-	(400,500)	142,540	-

18 Share Capital

	Company	
	2006	2005
	£	£
Authorised 5,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000,000	5,000,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid 2,681,527 (2005 2,681,527) ordinary		
shares of £1 each	2,681,527	2,681,527
	<u> </u>	

Great Leaze Farm Limited, a subsidiary of the holding company, sold its holding of 2756 ordinary shares of £1 each in Stonegate Farmers Limited Previously these have been eliminated on consolidation resulting in the group share capital being stated at £2,678,771 for the comparative period on the group balance sheet

19 Reserves

Group	Merger Reserve £	Share Premium Amount £	Revaluation Reserve £	Profit and Loss Account £	Total £
At 1 October 2005					
As previously reported	1,799,221	185,054	6,910,155	8,178,411	17,072,841
Prior year adjustment (note 1)	-	, <u>-</u>	•	(2,621,000)	(2,621,000)
As restated	1,799,221	185,054	6,910,155	5,557,411	14,451,841
Loss for the year	-	-	•	(1,468,308)	(1,468,308)
Sale of investment on own shares*	-	10,197	-	=	10,197
Actuarial gains on pension schemes Realised revaluation surplus on sale	-	-	-	184,000	184,000
of property Transfers in respect of depreciation	-	-	(2,252,493)	2,252,493	-
on revalued buildings	-	-	(109,269)	109,269	
At 30 September 2006	1,799,221	195,251	4,548,393	6,634,865	13,177,730
					

Cumulative goodwill written off to reserves in respect of acquisitions prior to 30 September 1999 at the balance sheet date was £2,247,440

^{*} Great Leaze Farm Limited, a subsidiary of the holding company, sold its investment in Stonegate Farmers Limited Therefore a previous balance of £10,197 which was eliminated on consolidation has been recognised this year

Company	Merger Reserve £	Share Premium Account £	Revaluation Reserve £	Profit and Loss Account £	Total £
At 1 October 2005 As previously reported Prior year adjustment (note 1)	1,799,221	195,251 -	4,281,091 -	(2,207,722) (1,468,000)	4,067,841 (1,468,000)
Loss for the year Actuarial gains on pension scheme Transfers in respect of depreciation on revalued buildings	1,799,221	195,251	4,281,091	(3,675,722) (598,815) 158,000 85,622	2,599,841 (598,815) 158,000
At 30 September 2006	1,799,221	195,251	4,195,469	(4,030,915)	2,159,026

20 Reconciliation Of Shareholders' Funds

					2006 £	2005 Restated £
	Total recognised gains and losse Sale of own shares	s			(1,284,308) 12,953	8,205,930
	Total movements during the year Shareholders' funds at 1 October (originally £19,751,612 before de	•	adjustment of £	2,621,000)	(1,271,355) 17,130,612	8,205,930 8,924,682
	Shareholders' funds at 30 Septer	nber			15,859,257	17,130,612
21	Reconciliation Of Operating Pr	ofit To Net Cash	Inflow From O	perating Activ	ities	
					2006 £	2005 £
	Operating profit FRS 17 Pension Costs Reorganisation costs Goodwill written off Depreciation charges Decrease / (Increase) in stocks (Decrease) / Increase in debtors (Decrease) / Increase in creditors Net cash inflow from operating				(510,102) (152,000) (16,232) 192,078 1,830,588 318,939 (4,425,061) 143,282 (2,618,508)	2,484,246 (503,343) 192,077 1,271,952 275,383 (1,638,949) (1,063,561) 908,805
22	Analysis Of Net Debt	At 1 October 2005 £	Cash Flow £	Acquisition	Non Cash Changes £	At 30 September 2006 £
	Net Cash Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	5,578,955 (12,029,508)	(5,457,540) 6,041,781 584,241	94,856 (56,511) 38,345	-	216,271 (6,044,238)
	Debt Finance leases Bank Loans Associated company loans	(1,552,890) (9,678,333) -	378,945 9,920,653 (15,520,863) (5,221,265)	(5,653) (242,320) - (247,973)	- - -	(1,179,598) - (15,520,863)
	Net Debt	(17,681,776)	(4,637,024)	(209,628)	-	(22,528,428)

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Net debt at 30 September 2006

Analysis Of Net Debt (continued)	2006 £	2005 £
Analysed in the balance sheet as follows		
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts		5,578,955 (12,029,508)
Finance Leases Due Within on year After one year Bank Loans Due Within one year After one year Group loans within one year	(399,835) (779,763) - (15,520,863) 	(1,179,600) (733,338) (8,944,995)
Reconciliation Of Net Cash Flows To Movement In Net Debt	2006 £	2005 £
Increase / (decrease) in cash Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing	584,241 (5,221,265)	
Changes in net debt resulting from cash flow Net debt acquired with subsidiary New Finance Leases	(4,637,024) (209,628)	(3,846,688) - (947,599)
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1 October 2005	(4,846,652) (17,681,776)	
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(22,528,428) (17,681,776)

23 Purchase Of Subsidiary Undertaking

	£
Net Assets Acquired	
Tangible fixed assets	5,718,246
Stocks	632,033
Debtors	370,532
Deferred taxation	4,935
Cash at bank and in hand	94,856
Bank overdrafts	(56,511)
Bank loans	(242,320)
Finance leases	(5,653)
Creditors	(529,236)
Corporation tax	(40,866)
	5,946,016
Goodwill – negative	(1,785,766)
	4,160,250
Satisfied By	
Cash	4,160,250
Deposit paid last year	(4,358,000)
	(197,750)

The subsidiary undertaking acquired during the year contributed £1,338,717 to the group's net operating cash flows, paid £2,538 in respect of net returns on investments and servicing of finance, paid £17,741 in respect of taxation and utilised £1,048,194 for capital expenditure

24 Financial Commitments

Capital Commitments

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the financial statements amounted to £1,181,523 (2005 £nil), in respect of the new packing station at Lacock

Operating Lease Commitments

At the balance sheet date, the Group and Company had entered into operating leases or which the annual rental commitments are as follows

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	Land a	nd Buildings	Plant and	Equipment
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£	£	£	£
For Leases Expiring				
Within one year	-	-	355,606	177,803
Between 2 and 5 years	475,000	237,500	636,700	317,800
After 5 years	519,703	-	-	-
	994,703	237,500	992,306	495,603
			005	
	Land a	nd Buildings		Equipment
	Group	Company	Group	Company
For Leases Expiring	£	£	£	£
Within one year	149,352	149,352	69,200	68,750
Between 2 and 5 years	218,952	218,952	1,100	-
After 5 years		-	601,428	-
				
	368,304	368,304	671,728	68,750

25 Contingent liabilities

The company and its subsidiaries are members of the larger group headed by Noble Foods Limited Group companies have given cross guarantees in favour of GE Commercial Finance Limited At 30 September 2006 the total indebtedness of Noble Foods Limited group companies was £71,364,620

26 Pension Schemes

The group operates two defined benefit schemes known as the "Stonegate Farmers Limited (1972) Pension and Life Assurance Scheme" and the "Thames Valley Eggs Pension Fund" In addition, the group operates a defined contribution scheme known as the "Thames Valley Eggs Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme" and also contributes to various personal pension plan arrangements on behalf of employees

Thames Valley Eggs Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme

The Group operates a defined contribution scheme in respect of which the assets are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund

During the year contributions to the scheme of £3,793 (2005 - £8,352) have been charged to Profit and Loss Account The employer and members both contribute at 3 25% of pensionable pay

Personal Pension Arrangements

Contributions were made to personal pension arrangements on behalf of employees amounting to £115,354 (2005 - £119,952)

Pension Cost Note - FRS17 - Stonegate Farmers Limited (1972) Pension And Life Assurance Scheme

The Company operates a defined benefit scheme in the UK. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 30 September 2005 and updated to 30 September 2006. All valuations were carried out by a qualified independent actuary.

The Major Assumptions Used By The Actuary Were

	2006	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Discount Rate	5 25	50	56
Rate of increase in deferred pensions	2 9	30	30
Inflation assumption	2 9	30	3 0
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	5 0	50	5 0
			

The assumptions used by the actuary are the best estimates chosen from a range of possible actuarial assumptions which, due to the timescale covered, may not necessarily be borne out in practice

The	Assets	ln	The	Scheme	Were

	2006	2005	2004
	£	£	£
Prudential with profits policies	-	520,000	429,000
St James Place Gilt Fund	1,214,000	519,000	462,000
AVC	-	-	9,000
Debtors	-	6,000	1,000
Cash At Bank	9,000		1,000
Creditors	-	(6,000)	(3,000)
Total market value of assets	1.223.000	1.039.000	899.000
Present value of scheme liabilities	(2,558,000)	(2,507,000)	(2,211,000)
Deficit in the scheme	(1,335,000)	(1,468,000)	(1,312,000)

The Long Term Expected Rate Of Return On The Assets Are As Follows:

	2006 %	2005 %	2004 %
Prudential with profit	-	60	60
St James Place Gilt Fund	4 0	4 0	35
Cash	3 5	3 5	4 5
Movement In Deficit During The Year			
-	2006	2005	

	£	£
Deficit in scheme at 1 October 2005	(1,468,000)	(1,312,000)
Movement in year current service cost	-	-
Contributions	56,000	16,000
Past Service Cost	-	-
Other finance costs	(81,000)	(86,000)
Actuarial gain / (loss)	158,000	(86,000)
Deficit in scheme at 30 September 2006	(1,335,000)	(1,468,000)

Analysis Of Amount Charged To O	perating Profit		
		2006 £	2005 £
		£.	2
Current Service Cost Past Service Cost		-	-
Charge to operating profit	_	-	
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Analysis Of Amount Credited To O	ther Financial Income		
,		2006 £	2005 £
Expected return on scheme assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities		52,000 (133,000)	46,000 (132,000)
Amount Credited to Other Financial In	ncome	(81,000)	(86,000)
	-		
Analysis Of Amount Recognised In Total Recognised Gains And Losse			
•	(,	2006 £	2005 £
Actual return less expected return on Experience gains and losses arising of	on the scheme liabilities	144,000 14,000	102,000 (2,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying ti	ne present value of the scheme liabilities -	-	(186,000)
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL	-	158,000	(86,000)
Under Of Francisco Comment			
History Of Experience Gains And L	osses	2006 £	2005 £
Difference between the expected and	actual return on scheme assets		
•	Amount Percentage of scheme assets	144,000 11 8%	102,000 9 8%
Experience gains and loss on scheme	e liabilities Amount	14 000	(2,000)
	Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	14,000 0 5%	(2,000) (0 1%)
Change in assumptions underlying the	e present value of scheme liabilities Percentage of present value of the scheme liabilit	- ies -	(186,000) (7 4%)
Total amount recognised in STRGL			
	Amount Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	158,000 6 2%	(86,000) (3 4%)

Pension Cost Note - FRS17 - Thames Valley Eggs Limited Pension Fund

The Company operates a defined benefit scheme in the UK. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 30 September 2005 and updated to 30 September 2006. All valuations were carried out by a qualified independent actuary

The Major Assumptions Used By The Actuary Were

	2006	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Discount Rate	5 25	50	5 6
Rate of increase in deferred pensions	2 9	30	3 0
Salary Escalation	-	4 0	4 0
Inflation assumption	2 9	30	30
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	30	30	3 0
			

The assumptions used by the actuary are the best estimates chosen from a range of possible actuarial assumptions which, due to the timescale covered, may not necessarily be borne out in practice

The Assets In The Scheme Were:

	2006	2005	2004
	£	£	£
Managed funds	5,280,000	4,975,000	4,457,000
Cash at bank	79,000	58,000	59,000
Debtors less creditors	10,000	24,000	23,000
Total market value of assets	5,369,000	5,057,000	4,539,000
Present value of scheme liabilities	(6,410,000)	(6,210,000)	(5,946,000)
Deficit in the scheme	(1,041,000)	(1,153,000)	(1,407,000)

The Interim Expected Rate Of Return On The Assets Are As Follows

	2006	2005	2004
	%	%	%
Managed funds	6.5	6 5	6 5
Cash	35	3 5	4 5

2006

2005

Movement In Deficit During The Year

	£	£
Deficit in scheme at 1 October 2005	(1,153,000)	(1,407,000)
Movement in year current service cost Contributions	96,000	13,000 80,000
Past Service Cost Other finance costs	- (10,000)	(51,000)
Actuarial gain	26,000 - 	212,000
Deficit in scheme at 30 September 2006	(1,041,000) 	(1,153,000)

Analysis Of Amount Charged To C	perating Profit		
		2006 £	2005 £
		-	-
Current Service Cost Past Service Cost		-	13,000 -
Charge to operating profit		-	13,000
	•	-	
Analysis Of Assessed Condend To C	M		
Analysis Of Amount Credited To C	Ther Financial Income	2006	2005
		£	£
Expected return on scheme assets		321,000	289,000
Interest on pension scheme liabilities		(331,000)	(340,000)
Amount Credited to Other Financial I	ncome	(10,000)	(51,000)
	-		
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Analysis Of Amount Recognised In Total Recognised Gains And Loss			
•	,	2006	2005
		£	£
Actual return less expected return on		152,000	430,000
Experience gains and losses arising Changes in assumptions underlying to	on the scheme liabilities he present value of the scheme liabilities	(126,000)	85,000 (303,000)
Changes in assumptions underlying t	The present value of the scheme habilities		
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL		26,000	212,000
	•		
History Of Experience Gains And L	osses		
		2006	2005
		£	£
Difference between the expected and			
	Amount Percentage of scheme assets	152,000 2 8%	430,000 8 5%
	refreshage of selfettle assets	2070	0370
Experience gains and loss on scheme	e liabilities Amount	(126,000)	85,000
	Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	(2 0%)	1 4%
Change in assumptions underlying th	a present value of scheme liabilities	_	(303,000)
onange in assumptions underlying th	Percentage of present value of the scheme liability	ies 0%	(4 9%)
Total amount recognised in STRGL			
The second secon	Amount	26,000	212,000
	Percentage of present value of scheme liabilities	0 4%	3 4%

27 Control

The ultimate controlling party is Noble Foods Limited, a company registered in England and Wales

Noble Foods Limited prepares group financial statements and copies can be obtained from Companies House, Cardiff

M R J Kent and P Dean, directors of Noble Foods Limited, are jointly the ultimate controlling party

28 Related Party Transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared

Group companies undertook the following transactions during the period with other group companies not forming part of these consolidated financial statements

	2006		2005	
	Purchases And Rent	Sales To	Purchases And Rent	Sales To
	£	£	£	£
Clifford Kent Holdings Limited	-	-	2,575,510	436,322
Horizon Kent Limited	-	-	151,407	18,942
Deans Foods Limited	5,829,943	2,666,915	-	-
	5,829,943	2,666,915	2,726,917	455,264

Balances owing to and from the above companies by the group at the year end were

	2006		2005	
	Owing To £	Owing From £	Owing To £	Owing From £
Clifford Kent Holdings Limited Deans Foods Limited	14,801 2,125,964	108,271 520,925	7,929 -	187,904 -
	2,140,765	629,196	7,929	187,904
		-		

Group companies undertook the following transactions during the period with companies of which a director, Mrs P J Corbett, is a controlling shareholder and is therefore presumed to be a related party

	2006		2005	
	Purchases And Rent £	Sales To £	Purchases And Rent £	Sales To
STC Packers Limited Church Farm Eggs Limited STC Logistics Limited	2,172,203 887,414 2,479,382	79,597 - -	-	- - -
	5,538,999	79,597	-	-

28 Related Party Transactions (continued)

Balances owing to and from the above companies by the group at the year end were

	2006		2005	
	Owing To £	Owing From £	Owing To £	Owing From £
STC Packers Limited Church Farm Eggs Limited	93,619	84,491 462	-	-
STC Logistics Limited	121,753	443	-	-
	215,372	85,396		
				

29 Post balance sheet events

On 13 September 2006 the Office of Fair Trading referred the completed merger between Deans Food Group Limited and Clifford Kent Holdings Limited to the Competition Commission for investigation under section 22 of the Enterprises Act 2002. As a result of this referral, the Competition Commission published a report on 20 April 2007 concluding that the merger may be expected to result in substantial lessening of competition within the egg market which in turn may be expected to result in adverse effects on producers, a reduction in production volumes with retailers and ultimate consumers being faced with higher prices

The conclusion of the Competition Commission merger inquiry was that the divestiture of Clifford Kent and its subsidiaries is likely to be the most effective and proportionate remedy for dealing with the findings and accordingly, the Competition Commission ruled that the divestiture should be completed by 22 February 2008

Therefore the Directors of Noble Foods Limited, the ultimate controlling party of Stonegate Foods Limited have sought to divest the activities of Clifford Kent Holdings Limited through a disposal of the share capital of Clifford Kent Holdings Limited. At the time of signing these financial statements, Noble Foods Limited are currently in the final stages of disposing of the Clifford Kent Holdings Limited group.