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AVIS RENT A CAR LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983



AVIS RENT A CAR LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and audited financial statements for the

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is the renting of motor vehicles.

During the year the following changes were made in the group's activities:

On July 30, 1982 the whole of the share capital of Avis Parking Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary which provided parking facilities, was sold to a third party. The consideration paid by the purchaser was by reference to the net

On September 10, 1982 the business and related assets of Avis Truck Leasing Limited together with certain assets relating to the short term truck rental business of Avis Rent A Car Limited were transferred to a newly acquired subsidiary company. On that date Avis Rent A Car Limited discontinued its short term truck rental operations and Avis Truck Leasing Limited ceased

The whole of the share capital of that newly acquired subsidiary was sold to a third-party on September 14, 1982.

RESULTS

The net profit for the year after taxation was £4,697,590 (1982 loss - £861,463) which, when added to retained earnings at June 30, 1982 results in a consolidated balance of retained earnings at June 30, 1983 of

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

DIRECTORS

The following were directors of the Company during the year:

Mr. W.A. Cathcart

Mr. J. Morley Mr. J. Sanz - appointed October 25, 1982

Mr. W.J. Sykes

Mr. G. Corbett - appointed October 24, 1983

There were no directors' interests requiring disclosure under the Companies

CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year, the company made charitable donations totalling fNil (1982: £250). No political contributions were made.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

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The company operates an equal opportunity policy in employment and, wherever possible, will give special consideration to any disabled person who applifies for employment in an existing vacancy. Where required, the company will make reasonable modifications to premises and equipment and will provide appropriate rehabilitation and training to disabled employees.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

W.J. SYKES Secretary

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF AVIS RENT A CAR LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 4 to 18 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group at June 30, 1983 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the Group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981.

DELOITTE HASKINS & SELLS Chartered Accountants

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London

17h May 1984.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The company prepares its financial statements on the historical cost basis of accounting.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated balance sheet comprises the assets and liabilities of Avis Rent A Car Limited and its subsidiaries. The consolidated profit and loss account comprises the results of Avis Rent A Car Limited for the year ended June 30, 1983 and its truck leasing subsidiaries, Avis Truck Leasing Limited, for the period July 1, 1982 to September 10, 1982 upon which date it ceased trading and Eachrose Limited from the date of its acquisition until its disposal on September 14, 1982. Avis Parking Limited was sold with effect from July 1, 1982, accordingly its results for the period to the date of disposal have not been included in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Associated companies

Companies in which the group has an interest comprising not less than 10% of the equity capital and is in a position to exercise significant influence over their commercial and operating policy decisions, are treated as associated companies. The consolidated profit and loss account includes the appropriate share of these companies profits. The group's share of the post acquisition retained profits and reserves is added to the cost of the investment in the consolidated balance sheet.

Profit and loss account

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in the Companies Act 1948 from presenting its own profit and loss account.

Vehicles

Vehicles are stated at cost after deducting all trade discounts and the net purchase rebate accruing during the year. Purchase rebates which depend on the future volume of purchases are credited to income over the average depreciable lives of the vehicles and the deferred element is deducted from the cost of vehicles on the balance sheet.

Depreciation is based on estimates of future residual values which, for certain vehicles, is agreed at the time of purchase. Depreciation rates vary between 15% and 50% per annum.

The cost of vehicles invoiced to the Group and i aid for but not delivered a d installed is classified under prepayments.

Vehicles transferred within the Group are transferred at net book value on the date of transfer and are recorded in the books of the receiving company at original cost, with depreciation calculated from the original purchase date.

In respect of the business and related assets of Avis Truck Leasing together with certain assets relating to the short term rental business of Avis Rent a Car Limited. vehicles were transferred to a newly acquired subsidiary at market valuation.

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

In the case of lessed vehicles, the company as lessee follows the financing method of accounting whereby the vehicles are dealt with as though they had been purchased outright at the time that the vehicles were installed and depreciation is charged accordingly. Purchase cost is included under vehicles and an equivalent amount included under liabilities.

Property and equipment

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of fixed assets to their estimated residual values in equal annual instalments over their estimated economic lives at the following rates:

Freehold property and improvements 2% p.a.

Leasehold property and improvements 3% - 33% p.a.

Furniture and equipment 20% - 25% p.a.

Deferred taxation

The company, and its subsidiaries, provide in full, using the deferral method for the taxation arising on timing differences between the treatment of items in the financial statements and their treatment for taxation purposes. The directors of the company consider it uncertain that these timing differences, which arise mainly through the excess of tax depreciation (capital allowances) over book depreciation, will continue in the foreseeable future and therefore consider such provisions are appropriate.

Foreign currency

Profit and loss items transacted in foreign currencies are recorded in-sterling at exchange rates ruling at the transaction date. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are reflected in the profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover consists primarily of invoiced amounts in respect of motor vehicle, rental and leasing income, together with sales of fuel and accessories net of value added tax, discounts and commissions.

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CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCIONT NO TEL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

	Notes	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
Numover Cost of sales	1 2	29,593,430 (20,580,439)	34 ,540 ,476 (27 ,271 , 108)
Goss profit Distribution costs Administration expenses Interest	4	8,612,991 (2,016,282) (3,710,547) (632,575)	7,269,368 (2,184,606) (4,470,081) (944,600)
Madding profit/(loss) on ordinary activities Note: En exchange gain Share of associated companies' profit		2,253,587 1,032,754 715,004	(329,9 19) 153,9 59 411,712
Profit on ordinary activities Defote taxation Walle-off of group relief acceivable		4,001,345	235,752
Taxation credit/(charge) for the year	5	608,745	(403,488)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation Exergordinary item	. 6	4,610,090 87,500	(861,463)
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year		£ 4,697,590	£ (861,463)

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	Notes	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	1983	1962
TAME ASSET		£	Ē		
regible assets:					
Webteles	7	23,722,056	26,508,345	23,722,056	22,829,963
Superty and Superits	8 9	1,734,239 899,466	1,921,542 523,477	1,734,239 691,309	1,778,294 560,000
•		26,355,761	28,953,364	26,147,604	25,168,257
CORRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and		14,515,057	9,734,200	14,515,057	9,509,070
Debtors and other sussent assets	10	12,316,707	14,282,462	14,527,145	13,494,475
		26,831,764	24,016,662	29,042,202	23,003,545
CORRENT LIABILITIES - CREDITORS:					
Anomits falling due with one year	11	(17,087,497)	(20,617,502)	.(19,497,935)	(18,675,135)
net current assets		9,744,267	3,399,160	9,544,267	4,328,410
Total assets less current liabilities		36,100,028	32,352,524	35,691,871	29,496,667
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS BALLING DUE AFTER MOR THAN ONE YEAR	E 11	(15,241,226)	(15,240,251)	(15,241,226)	(13,805,267)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	12	(8,791,003)	(9,742,064)	(8,791,003)	(8,949,378)
NET ASSETS		£12,067,799	£ 7,370,209	£11,659,642	£ 6,742,022
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Share premium account	13 14	1,250,100 83,333	1,250,100 83,333	1,250,100 83,333	1,250,100 83,333
Profit and loss	14	10,734,366	6,036,776	10,326,209	5,408,589
account	# -	£12,067,799	£ 7,370,209	£11,659,642	£ 6,742,022

The financial statements on pages 4 to 18 were approved by the directors on 17. Tay 1984 and are signed on their behalf by:

Directors

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STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUFDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4,001,345	235,752
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Share of associated companies profits Depreciation of vehicles, property	(715,004)	(411,712)
and equipment Surplus on disposal of vehicles, property	6,972,644	8,886,706
and equipment	(1,427,387)	(9.07 , 645)
	8,831,598	7,863,101
other sources:	-	
Proceeds on disposal of vehicles, property and equipment	23,005,791	14,753,176
Dividend received from associated company Increase in long term liabilities	175,255 975	123,563 -
Profit on disposal of Avis Parking Limited	125,000	
	23,307,021	14,876,739
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	32,138,619	22,679,840
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		•
Purchases of vehicles, property and equipment Investment in associated company Corporation tax payment Reduction in long-term liabilities	25,577,456 141,309 460,000	22,876,749 - 3,981,567
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	26,178,765	26,858,316 ————
NET SOURCE/(APPLICATION) OF FUNDS	£ 5,959,854	£(4,178,476)
THE NET SOURCE/(APPLICATION) OF FUNDS IS REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL:		c 004 000
Debtors Creditors falling due within one year	(1,965,755) 3,119,202	6,084,230 (2,177,702)
Creditors failing due within one y	1,153,447	3,906,528
Movement in net liquid funds:	, =00.057	(10 406 467)
Cash at bank and in hand Bank loans and overdrafts	4,780,857 25,550	(10,426,467) 2,341,463
Bank Loans and Overgrands	£ 5,959,854	£(4,178,476)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

1. TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES SEFORE TAXATION

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	1983	<u> 1982</u>	73/03	
	£	£	Ę	E
Short-term car and van rental Short-term truck	27,937,761	25,217,975	2,877,993	9 27 , <u>11</u> 8
rental and truck leasing	1,655,669	7,434, 9 17	(624,406)	(1,134,138)
Provision of parking facilities		1,887,584	•	(122,899)
	£29,593,430	E34,540,476	£2,253,587	£ (329,919)

2. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION IS STATED AFTER CHARGING/ (CREDITING):

(CREDITING):	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
Staff costs (see note 3) Depreciation on vehicles Depreciation on property and equipment	5,973,095 6,652,177 320,467	8,263,104 8,322,899 563,807
Surplus on sale of vehicles, property and equipment Exceptional item Other operating income Auditors' remuneration	(1,427,387) - (950,242) 28,800	(907,645) 542,000 (828,249) 35,825
Hire of vehicles (other than those hired under finance leases)	229,978	252,351

3. DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The average weekly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

Short-term car and van rental Short-term truck rental and truck leasing Parking	34	145 152
Larane	693	1,064

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MORES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

3.	DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (continued)	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u>
	Staff costs:		e 000 7/60.
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs Severance pay	5,098,437 567,026 212,861 94,771	6,8 31 ,7 69 9 17,234 219,573 300,528
		£5,973,095	£8,269,104
	The remmeration paid to directors was:	1983	1982
		£	£
	Remuneration as executives Compensation for loss of office	40 , 798 -	59,465 41,400
	Comparison	£40,798	£100,865
	Fees and other emoluments disclosed above (excluding pension contributions) include amounts paid to:	e Nil	e nil
	Chairman	I MITT	
	Highest paid director	£24,479	£32,628
	The number of other directors who received fees and other emoluments (excluding pension contributions) in the following ranges was: £ 0 - £ 5,000 £15,000 - £20,000	1983 1 1	<u>1982</u> 2 1
4		<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
	Interest charged: On bank loans and overdrafts repayable within 5 years Applicable to finance leases	20,755 2,233,605 2,254,360	327,826 2,830,259 3,158,085
	Interest received: From related companies From bank deposits Other	(366,145) (1,254,821) (819) £ 632,575	(30,712) (2,182,773) - £ 944,600

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NOTES TO THE FIRMMIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

5. TAXATION

TRAIL	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
UK corporation tax at 52%		
Ourrent Deferred	(82,7 <u>2</u> 0) 988,561	(552,168) 235,748
Adjustments in respect of prior years		
Current Deferred	7,973 -	127,022
	913,814	(189,398)
Share of associated company tax charge	(305,069)	(214,090)
	£608,745	£ (403,488)

The group taxation charge for the year has been reduced principally by free group relief received with a tax effect of £1,863,000 and the adjustment to deferred taxation provisions no longer required im Avis Truck Leasing Limited of £792,686 (see note 12).

Taxation in these financial statements has been calculated on the basis of tax legislation currently in force and not on the basis of the proposed legislation of the Budget of March 13, 1984. In the opinion of the directors the effect of the proposed legislation would not be significant in these financial statements.

6. EXTRAORDINARY ITEM

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Extraordinary income: Surplus on disposal of subsidiary company	125,000	. 4
UK corporation tax thereon	(37,500)	****
	£ 87,500	£ -

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MALE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

7. VEHICLES

	GROUP	COMPANY
PM-STO	E .	£
COST		
Ar July 1, 1982	34,9 83,2 69	29,185,713
Additions	24,763,577	24,705,468
Disposals	(27,099,568)	(26,872,168)
Disposal resulting from sale of		
truck operations	(5,493,883)	(214,945)
Group transfers	₩.	351,327
At June 30, 1983	27,153,395	27,153,395
and distance of a poor		
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		
At July 1, 1982	8,474,924	6,355,750
Charge for the year	6,652,177	6,362,177
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(9,491,044)	(9,343,549)
Eliminated on disposal resulting		
from sale of truck operations	(2,204,718)	(10,440)
Group transfers	-	67,401
At June 30, 1983	3,431,339	3,431,339
At Julie 30, 1703		
NET BOOK VALUE		•
•	588 700 856	දෙරට එරව රාලිද්
At June 30, 1983	£23,722,056	£23,722,056
At June 30, 1982	£26,508,345	£22,829,963
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Substantially all of the Company's vehicles are leased under financing arrangements. Although the company does not have legal title to the vehicles, it carries all the risk of ownership and, consequently, these vehicles are recorded using the financing method of accounting. The book value of these vehicles, before deduction of deferred purchase rebates, included in the above figures was:

	GROUP	COMPANY
At June 30, 1983	£24,527,645	£24,527,645
At June 30, 1982	£25,301,039	£23,229,374

Certain of the vehicles included in the above leasing arrangements have been sub-leased to a fellow subsidiary of Esmark Inc. The book value of these vehicles included in the above figures at June 30 1983 was £680,683 (1982: NIL).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

S. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

GROUP	Tand and	Firmiture and equipment E	Leasebold improvements f	<u>Total</u> £
COST At July 1, 1982 Additions Disposars At June 30, 1983	214,061 (154,466) 59,595	920,957 195,827 (386,317) 730,467	2,008,851 618,052 (660,909) 1,965,994	3,143,869 813,879 (1,201,692) 2,756,056
DEPRECIATION At July 1, 1982 Charge for year Eliminated in respect of disposals At June 30, 1983	31,740 2,745 (14,803) 19,682	570,030 171,833 (248,344) 493,519	620,557 145,889 (257,830) 508,616	1,222,327 320,467 (530,977) 1,021,817
NET BOOK VALUE At June 30, 1983 At June 30, 1982	£ 39,913 £182,321	£236,948 £350,927	£1,457,378 £1,388,294	£1,734,239 £1,921,542
COMPANY COST At July 1, 1982 Additions Disposals At June 30, 1983	214,061 (154,466) 59,595	763,545 195,827 (228,905) 730,467	1,912,607 618,052 (564,665) 1,965,994	2,890,213 813,879 (948,036) 2,756,056
DEPRECIATION At July 1, 1982 Charge for year Eliminated in respector of disposals At June 30, 1983 NET BOOK VALUE At June 30, 1983	31,740 2,745 (14,803 19,682 £ 39,91	(162,391) 493,519 3 £236,948	508,616 £1,457,378	1,111,919 320,467 (410,569) 1,021,817 £1,734,239
At June 30, 1982	£182,32	1 £279,468	£1,316,505	£1,778,294

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MORPS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

9. INVESTMENTS

(BARS (LANG)	GROUP	COMPANY
Shares at cost Associated companies:	·	
At July 1, 1982 Acquisitions during the year	350,000 141,309	350,000 141,309
At June 30, 1983	491,309	491,309
Subsidiary ecompanies:	= -	
At July 1, 1982	-	210,000 100
Acquisitions during the year	-	(10,100)
Disposals during the year		
At June 30, 1983		200,000
Share of profits of associated companies from date of acquisition less dividends received:		
At July 1, 1983	173,477	-
Current year	234,680	
At June 30, 1983	408,157	
Summary		୯୯୦୩ ଅନ୍ତର
At June 30, 1983	£899,466 	£691,309
At June 30, 1982	£523,477	£560,000

The company holds more than 10% of the equity of the following companies:

Name	Country of incorporation	<u>Holding</u>	:	Proportion June 30 1982	n held at June 30 1983
Avis Car Leasing Limited	UK	Ordinary	shares	50%	50%
Sogen Avis (acquired March 31, 1983)	France	Ordinary	shares	-	12½%
Avis Truck Leasir Limited Barcelsure Limite	ÜK	Ordinary Ordinary			100% 100%
(non trading) Victor Britain Limited (non trading)	UK	Ordinary	shares	100%	100%
Avis Parking Limited (sold July 1, 1982)	UK	Ordinary	share	s 100%	-

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10. DEBTORS AND OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

		GROUP		COMPANY	
		1983	1982	1983	1982
	Amounts falling due within one year:	Ē	Ę	£	E
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by	6,078,643	11,133,964	6,078,643	10,433,197
	affiliate companies Amounts owed by	4,965,292	1,387,779	4,965,292	1,387,779
	robeidiary companies	-	**	2,210,438	150,750
	Prepayments and other current assets	1,272,772	1,760,719	1,272,772	1,522,749
		£12,316,707	£14,282,462	£14,527,145	£13,494,475
11.	CREDITORS	GT.	20112	COM	TO AIRTS?
		1983	ROUP 1982	1983	PANY 1 <u>982</u>
		£	£	£	£
	Arounts falling due within one year:			•	
	Bank loans and overdrafts Trade creditors	764,571 2,871,023	790,121 5,151,057	3,253,666 2,869,723	290,683 4,618,011
	Corporation tax payable Other taxation and	166,915	552,168	89,558	298,523
	social security payable Amounts due to	1,082,156	1,169,196	1,082,156	1,023,442
	affiliate companies Amounts due to	-	285,560	•	284,292
subsidiary companies Accrued expenses Current portion of Lease debt	2,916,415	2,933,404	2,916,415	190,193 2,662,242	
	9,286,417	9,735,996	9,286,417	9,307,749	
		£17,087,497	£20,617,502	£19,497,935	£18,675,135
	Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
	Non current portion of lease debt	£15,241,226	£15,240,251	£15,241,226	£13,805,267

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MOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

12. PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation	GROV		1983	<u>any</u> 1982
	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u> f	£ 7022	£
Tax effect of timing differences arising	from:	,		
Excess of tax allownces over depreciation Other	8,429,800 361,203	9,880,487 (138,423)	8,429,800 361,203	9,065,5 2 8 (116,150)
	£8,791,003	£9,742,064	£8,791,003	£8,949,378

The movements on the provision for deferred taxation are as follows:

	<u>GROUP</u> £	e Combania
Provision at July 1, 1982	9,742,064	8,949,378
Provision at July 1, 1982 Transfer from profit and loss account	(951,061)	(158,375)
Provision at June 30, 1983	£8,791,003	£8,791,003

The deferred taxation provision in respect of excess tax allowances over depreciation has been reduced by £792,686. This amount related to vehicles transferred during the year by Avis Truck Leasing Limited as part of the transfer of the whole of the business and related assets to a newly acquired subsidiary of Avis Rent a Car Limited.

13. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	<u>1983</u> £	<u>1982</u> £
Authorised 1,250,100 ordinary shares of £1 each	£1,250,100	£1,250,100
Allotted, issued and fully paid 1,250,100 ordinary shares of £1 each	£1,250,100	£1,250,100

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MOTES TO THE FIMANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

14. SHARE PREMIUM ACCOUNT AND RESERVES

	Share premium £	Group proffit and <u>loss account</u> £	Company proPit and <u>loss account</u> f
At July 1, 1982 Retained profit for	83,333	6,036,776	5,408,589
year	**	4,697,590	4,917,620
At June 30, 1983	£83,333	£10,734,366	£10,326,209
Retained by the holding company Retained by the		10,326,209	
subsidiaries Retained by the			
associated companies		408,157	
		£10,734,366	

15. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company has a pension fund, membership of which is optional for employees employed prior to January 1, 1974 and compulsory for those employed thereafter.

An actuarial valuation of the fund by the Wyatt Company on July 1, 1982 indicated that there were sufficient assets in the fund to secure the benefits of existing pensioners and to provide paid up pensions to present employees on the basis of present salaries and credited periods of service.

16. CAPITAL CONMITMENTS

CAPITAL CONTLINENTS	<u>1983</u>	<u> 1982</u>
	£	£
Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	£71,000	£247,000
Capital expenditure authorised by the directors but not yet contracted for	£ Nil	£ Nil

In addition, as agents for its vehicle lessors, the company has placed purchase orders for 554 vehicles at an approximate cost of £2,800,000 (1982: 750 vehicles, £3,800,000). The company is committed to lease these vehicles from the lessors.

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NOTES TO THE FIRANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

17. OTHER FINANCIAL COMPTMENTS

In accordance with the terms of the main vehicle lease, the company is obligad to maintain a bank account, the use of which is restricted. At June 30, 1983 the balance on this account, included im bank balances and cash on the balance sheet was f1,044,354 (1982: £886,155).

18. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

At June 30, 1983 the ultimate holding company was Norton Simon Inc., incorporated in the United States of America. Subsequent to that date Norton Simon Inc. was acquired by Esmark Inc. also incorporated in the United States of America. Esmark Inc. is now the company's ultimate holding company.