

ELCO LEASING LIMITED
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
31 JANUARY 1998



ELCO LEASING LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 January 1998.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The principal activity of the company is leasing.

The directors consider the results for the year were satisfactory and expect the business to continue to diminish as existing leases expire or terminate.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The results of the company for the year are set out in detail on page 4. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1997: £Nil). The retained profit of £1,990 (1997: £1,914) will be transferred to reserves.

DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

J A N Cameron (resigned 31 May 1998)
S A Jack

C P T O'Haire was appointed director of the Company on 1 April 1998.


S A Jack held 2,612 (1997: 20,612) Loan Notes of £1 each in Dresdner Investments (UK) plc during the year.

None of the directors had any other disclosable interests in the shares or debentures of any group company. The directors are exempt from disclosing their interests in the shares or debentures of the ultimate parent company, Dresdner Bank AG, as it is incorporated outside the UK.

AUDITORS

The company has passed an elective resolution in accordance with section 379A Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the annual appointment of the auditors; accordingly Coopers & Lybrand remain in office.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



A Morrison
Secretary

11th June 1998

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

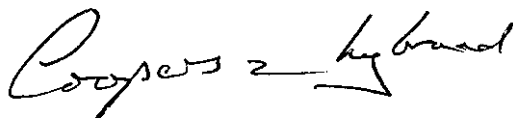
Basis of opinion

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 of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 January 1998 and of the profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



Coopers & Lybrand
Chartered Accountants and
Registered Auditors

Embankment Place
London

16 June 1998

ELCO LEASING LIMITED

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 January 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
TURNOVER	2	1,073	2,857
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,073	2,857
Taxation credit / (charge)	4	917	(943)
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PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	8	1,990	1,914
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All amounts stated above derive from continuing activities.

There are no recognised gains and losses for the year or the previous year other than the profit on ordinary activities after taxation disclosed above. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is given.

A statement showing the movement in the profit and loss account reserve is set out in note 8 on page 8.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

ELCO LEASING LIMITED**BALANCE SHEET****As at 31 January 1998**

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	5	2,330,638	2,332,002
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	6	(700)	(4,054)
NET ASSETS		<u>2,329,938</u>	<u>2,327,948</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	7	500,000	500,000
Profit and loss account	8	<u>1,829,938</u>	<u>1,827,948</u>
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>2,329,938</u>	<u>2,327,948</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 11th June

1998.

Signed of behalf of the Board of Directors



C P T O'Haire - Director

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS **For the year ended 31 January 1998**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents finance charges allocated in respect of finance leases, and the profits from the sale of leased assets.

Finance leases

Investments in finance leases are stated at the gross amount of minimum future rental payments less finance charges allocated to future periods.

Rentals receivable less the capital content thereof are allocated to the profit and loss account over the primary period of the lease to give a constant periodic post-tax rate of return on the net cash investment in the leases.

Related party transactions

Elco Leasing Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Plantmerge Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking is Dresdner Bank AG. The company has taken advantage of the exemption available in Financial Reporting Standard No.8 not to disclose inter-group related party transactions.

Cash flow statement

These financial statements do not include a cash flow statement as the Company meets the exemption requirements of Financial Reporting Standard No.1.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 January 1998

	1998 £	1997 £
2. TURNOVER		
Finance charges allocated in the year	973	2,857
Profit on sale of leased assets	100	-
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	1,073	2,857
Aggregate rentals receivable in respect of finance leases were £973 (1997: £2,857).	<hr/>	<hr/>
3. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
Costs of administration are borne by an intermediate parent undertaking. This includes the remuneration of the auditors. None of the directors received any emoluments in respect of their services to the company.		
4. TAXATION (CREDIT)/CHARGE	1998 £	1997 £
The taxation (credit)/charge is based on the profit for the year and comprises:		
Group relief (receivable) / payable at 31.32% (1997: 33%)	(917)	943
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The company has a capital gains tax loss of approximately £5 million to carry forward which may be set off against future capital gains.		
5. DEBTORS: amounts falling due within one year	1998 £	1997 £
Amounts due from fellow subsidiary undertaking	2,329,722	2,332,002
Group relief receivable	916	-
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	2,330,638	2,332,002
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6. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	1998 £	1997 £
Group relief payable	-	1,495
VAT payable	700	2,559
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	700	4,054
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ELCO LEASING LIMITED**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****For the year ended 31 January 1998**

	1998 £	1997 £
7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
Authorised: 2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	2,000,000	2,000,000
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Allotted and partly paid: 2,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each, 25p paid	500,000	500,000
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8. COMBINED RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

	Issued share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Shareholders funds Total 1998 £	Shareholders funds Total 1997 £
At the beginning of the year	500,000	1,827,948	2,327,948	2,326,034
Profit attributable to members of the company	-	1,990	1,990	1,914
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At the end of the year	500,000	1,829,938	2,329,938	2,327,948
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9. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking is Dresdner Bank AG, a company incorporated in Germany. For consolidation purposes, Kleinwort Benson Group plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, is the parent undertaking of the smallest group of which the company is a member. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of both of these companies, for the year ended 31 December 1997, will be filed in due course at the Companies Registration Office, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.