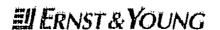
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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Cooper (Great Britain) Limited

31 DECEMBER 1991



Registered No. 1080126

DIRECTORS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the group accounts for the period ended 31 December 1991.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The group trading profit for the period, after taxation amounted to £1,212,000.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final ordinary dividend,

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The group's principal activities during the year were the manufacture and sale of tools for use in mining, contracting, quarrying and engineering industries; the re-rolling of steel billets; the supply and service of hydraulic and electronic measuring equipment for use in the off-shore oil industry; the design, manufacture and sale of electrical switch devices and motor control gear and the manufacture and supply of supports and accessories for the support of heavy duty cable; the design, assembly and service of large scale compression equipment principally for gas transmission; manufacture and sale of hand tools; the manufacture and marketing of valves and other flow control equipment primarily for the oil industry.

At 31 December 1991 the group acquired A B Sani (UK) Limited Cameron Iron Works Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary Cameron Offshore Engineering Limited. On 31 December 1991 the business, employees and net assets of Champion Sparking Plug Company Limited, A B Sani (UK) Limited., Cameron Iron Works Limited and Cameron Offshore Engineering Limited were transferred to Cooper (Great Britain) Limited. In exchange Cooper (Great Britain) Limited accepted responsibility for all the liabilities of these companies.

MARKET VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

In the opinion of the directors the market value of land and buildings is in excess of the book value.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in the notes to the accounts.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The group continues to invest in product research and development with a view to continued success.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In line with its research and development programme the group will continue to improve its products and services to meet market demand.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors at 30 November 1991 were as follows:

Abogado Nominees Limited

J D Carne (appointed 16 May 1991)

D C Schumacher (USA)

There are no directors' interest requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985.

in addition to the directors listed above, Mr D B Ingols served as a director until 16 May 1991 when he resigned.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DISABLED EMPLOYEES

The group's member companies give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons and, where appropriate, would arrange for the retraining of those who became disabled whilst in employment. The companies also endeavour to give equal opportunities of training, career development and promotion to all employees.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

The group's member companies recognise their responsibility to provide their employees with information of concern to them and to encourage their participation in the companies' development. This is achieved by various means, including:

- (a) works committees
- (b) employee suggestion schemes
- (c) local notices and bulletins

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Jane K. Schumacher

During the year the group made contributions to various charities amounting to £18,000.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

Director

31 July 1992

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS to the members of Cooper (Great Britain) Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 6 to 22 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

Last year's audit report was qualified because the stock figures excluded overheads as explained in Note 1, which is contrary to Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 9. This has no material impact on the current year's results or financial position.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group at 31 December 1991 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the group for the period then ended. Except for the matter referred to above, in our opinion the accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

Leeds

31 July 1992

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the period ended 31 December 1991

) / 1	Notes	13 months 31,12.91 £000	Year ended 30.11.90 £000
TURNOVER Cost of sales	2	133,379 115,469	129,206 112,384
Gross profit		17,910	16,822
Distribution and selling costs Administrative expenses		8,551 7,151	9,511 6,883
		15,702	16,394
OPERATING PROFIT	3	2,208	428
Interest receivable and similar items Interest payable	5 6	5,115 (6,243)	1,042 (3,018)
		(1,128)	(1,976)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	1,080 132	(1,548) 94
PROFIT/(LOSS) BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM Extraordinary item	8	1,212	(1,454) (1,325)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMPANY	9	1,212	(2,779)

Movements on retained profits are shown in Note 18 of the notes to the accounts.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 1991

	Notes	31,12,91 £000	30,11,90 £000
FIXED ASSETS	,		
Tangible assets:		1	
Land and buildings	io	16,468	3,670
Plant and machinery	10	26,171	12,699
Assets in the course of construction	10	1,024	1,460
		43,663	17,829
CURRENT ASSETS		\	
Stocks	12	82,043	32,995
Debtors	13	93,411	29,369
Investments	,	634	
Cash at bank and in hand		50,621	27,133
9		226,709	89,497
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	14	194,230	74,370
NET CURRENT ASSETS		32,479	15,127
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		76,142	32,956
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one Amounts due from group undertakings	year:	***************************************	1,250
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES			
Deferred taxation	15	1,725	1,864
Other provisions	16	1,421	4,908
		3,146	6,772
·)	**	72,996	24,934
	, \	12,770	24,254
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	17	.	n,
Share premium account	18	9,450	9,450
Capital reserve	18	67,634	20,784
Profit and loss account	ý 18	(4,088)	(5,300)
	1	72,996	24,934
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D/C Schumacher - Director

31 July 1992

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 1991

•	Notes	31.[29] £000	30.11.90 £000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	43,663	6,725
Investment in subsidiaries	11	4 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 -	4,644
	×,	43,663	11,369
CURRENT ASSETS			Approximately listers
Stock	12	82,043	21,669
Debtors	13	93,411	21,839
Investments		634	*
Cash at bank and in hand		50,621	25,054
		226,709	68,562
CREDITORS; amounts falling due within one year	14	194,230	69,972
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		32,479	(1,410)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		76,142	9,959
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one	year:		
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	•	66,277	1,250
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		,	
Deferred taxation	15	1,725	, , , , .
Other provisions	16	1,421	4,908
		3,146	4,908
,		6,719	3,801
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	17		_
Share premium account	18	9,450	9,450
Profit and loss account	18	(2,731)	(5,649)
		6,719	3,801
L. K. Schurzacker DKSchumacher - Director			<u> </u>

31 July 1992

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GROUP STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS for the 13 months ended 31 December 1991

	13 months	Year
C)	ended	ended
,	31,12,91	30.11.90
	£000	1000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	1,080	(1,548)
Extraordinary items	# \$rriver	(1,325)
(A))	Casa anal
	1,080	(2,873)
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		, , ,
Profit on sale of operations	(109)	-
Depreciation	3,065	3,096
Provision for warranty costs	233	2,600
Provision for rationalisation	j •	1,325
TOTAL GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	4.260	4 1 40
TAKEN OF THE TRANSPORT OF THE TOTAL	1,269	4,148
FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES	//	
Proceeds from sale of operating activities *	3,842	4 550
Sale of fixed assets	16	4,550
	10	29
	3,858	4,579
	-	
,	8,127	8,727
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	· .	***************************************
Purchase and transfer of fixed assets	2,565	3,974
Expenditure incurred in rationalisation programme Expenditure incurred on warranty	1,169	1,767
expenditure mouried of warranty	1,568	
6, N	5,302	5,741
		D,1-72
WORKING CAPITAL INCREASE	2,825	2,986
n ,		5345/ 754
COMPONENTS OF INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL		
Stock	(4,442)	(2,895)
Debtors	13,609	(11.137)
Creditors	(21,604)	22,829
(t	2.	~~~
	(12,437)	8,797
MOVEMENT IN NET LIQUID FUNDS **	A Property of the Contract of	
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Bank overdraft	(4,527)	813
Other short term borrowing	13,500	(28,000)
Cash at bank	6,289	21,376
	15,262	(5,811)
	4	(n)011)
	2,825	2,986

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GROUP STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS for the 13 months ended 31 December 1991

	13 months 31,1291 £000	Year ended 30,11,90 £000
* SALE AND TRANSFER OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Fixed assets Stocks Debtors Creditors	1,419 3,084 881 (1,542)	1,401 2,102 2,106 (1,059)
Net cash received	3,842	4,550
** ACQUISITION OF OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	£000	£000
Fixed assets Investments Stocks Debtors Creditors Capital reserve	27,769 634 56,574 49,769 (87,519) (46,850)	, in
Net cash movement increase in overdraft	377	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Cooper (Great Britain) Limited and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 December. No profit and loss account is presented for Cooper (Great Britain) Limited as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

The group profit and loss account does not include the results of Cameron Iron Works Limited or Cameron Offshore Engineering Limited which were acquired on 31 December 1991.

Goodwill

Goodwill, representing the difference of purchase price over the fair value of net assets acquired, is written off directly against reserves.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of each assets evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold buildings

- over 20 to 50 years

Leasehold land and buildings

- over the lease term

Plant and machinery

-'over 4 to 121/2 years

Government grants

Government grants on capital expenditure are deducted from the cost of the assets to which they relate.

Grants of a revenue nature are credited to income in the period to which they relate.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value as follows:

Cost incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition:

Raw materials /

- purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis

Work-in-progress and finished goods

cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads based on normal level of activity.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

L. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stocks (continued)

The valuation of stocks of finished goods and work-in-progress in Champion Sparking Plug Company Limited does not include any amount in respect of attributable production overheads. This is consistent with the valuation method applied at the previous year end and at the date of acquisition. If such overheads had been included in the valuation of stocks the effect on the group financial statements would be:

- (i) to decrease group trading profit for the period by £156,000 (1990 £238,000 increase)
- (ii) to increase stock and work-in-progress at 31 December 1991 by £2,743,000 (1990 £2,899,000).

Warranty costs

Provision is made to cover costs which may arise in the future in rectifying compression equipment which is covered by warranty guarantee.

Research and Vevelopment

Research and development expenditure is written off as incurred.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income as incurred.

Pensions

The group operates a number of defined benefit pension schemes which require contributions to be made to separately administered funds. Contributions to these funds are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives within the group.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

3. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods sold and services provided (stated net of value added tax) and, in the case of long term contracts, the value of work done during the period,

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below:

9	13 months	Year ended
	31.12.91	30,11,90
	£000£	£000
United Kingdom	88,773	77,340
Other European Countries	29,216	35,948
North and South America	1,390	4,143
Africa	3,453	50
Australasia	956	1,180
Asia	9,591	10,545
	135,379	129,206
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Turnover and group profit before taxation are not analysed by each class of business as the directors believe it would be detrimental to the interests of the group. For the same reason the directors have not included an analysis of net assets by class of business.

3. OPERATING PROFIT

(a) This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	13 months	Year ended
4	31.12.91	30.11.90
	£000	£000
Operating lease rentals:		
Plant and machinery	289	369
Land and buildings	1,053	707
Auditors' remuneration	83	96
Depreciation	3,065	3,096
Government grant	(750)	(750)

(b) Directors' remuneration:		
Emoluments (including pension contributions)	Nil	137
Emoluments (excluding pension contributions) of the hig	hest paid director Nil	55
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The emoluments (excluding pension contributions) of the	directors ien within the g	Mowing ranges: Year ended
· ·	31.12.91	30.11.90
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£40,001 - £45,000	-	ì
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

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STAFF COSTS	C.				
				13 months	Year ended
•	1.5	1		31,12,91	30,11,90
	•		>	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	м	er v		25,604	25,673
Social security costs		·		2,079	2,123
Other pension costs	•			1,022	988
				28,705	28,784
The average weekly number	of employe	es during the	period was mad	le up as follows	***************************************
	.			13 months	Year ended
			profession -	31.12.91	30.11.90
	'			No.	No.
Office and management W	i 3			.//	
Ottice and management	r n			461	548
Manufacturing	· ·			1,302	1,902
				1,763	2,450
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INTEREST RECEIVABLE	•		25		
III KAMASI ALCIN TAMA				13 months	Year ended
	٠.			31.12.91	30.11.90
. 1	,			.000	£000
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Bank interest		1 5 1		5,111 4	988 54
Other loan interest		. 5	***	4	34
· i				5,115	1,042
j o		,	*		
· interest payable			U ₁		,,
			\	13 months	Year ended
·	ı	,	3	31.12.91	30.11.90
			1	£000	1000
Bank loans and overdrafts				5,654	3,010
Other loans wholly repayabl	e within fiv	e vears		589	5,010
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7)		,		6,243	3,018

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

7. TAX ON PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The taxation credit is made up as follows:

	13 months 31,12.91 £000	Year ended 30,11,90 L000
Deferred taxation at 33% (1990 - 33%) Corporation tax over-provided in previous years	(87) (45)	66 (160)
	(132)	(94)

There are unutilised tax losses available for offset against future taxable profits of approximately £9 million.

8. EXTRAORDINARY ITEM

	13 months	Year ended
" ,	31.12.91	30.11.90
•	£000	£000
Provision for expenses arising from the cost of closing a division,		1
rationalisation of existing operations and sale of a division	•	1,325
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9. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE HOLDING COMPANY

	13 months 31.12.91	Year ended 30.11.90
	£000	1,000
Profit/(loss) dealt with in the accounts of the holding company	2,918	(5,325)
Retained by subsidiary companies	(1,706)	2,545

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

4°	Assets in course of construction £000	Land and buildings £000	Plant and machinery £000	Total £000
Group				
Cost:				•
At 1 December 1990	1,460	6,677	33,011	41,148
Additions	1,291	60	1,200	2,551
Disposais	44 808	(794)	(3,389)	(4,183)
Transfers	(1,727)	20,874	53,013	72,160
At 31 December 1991	1,024	26,817	83,835	111,676
Depreciation:		:		
At 1 December 1990	•	3,007	20,312	23,319
Provided during the period	•	.309	2,756	3,065
Disposals	•	(254)	(2,494)	(2,748)
Transfers	•	7,287	37,090	44,377
At 31 December 1991	**	10,349	57,664	68,013
Net book value at 31 December 199	01 1,024	16,468	26,171	43,663
Net book value at 1 December 1990	1,460	3,670	12,699	17,829
Company	***************************************	**************************************	**************************************	
Cost:		0.550	12 170	10774
At 1 December 1990	•	2,562	16,179	18,741
Additions	-	60	840	900
Disposals	1,024	(794) 24,989	(3,362) 70,178	(4,156) 9 6 ,191
Transfers	1,024	24,707	7U,170	3G ₁ 131
At 31 December 1991	1,024	26,817	83,835	111,676
Depreciation:		 ,		
At 1 December 1990	-	1,349	10,667	12,016
Provided during the period	_	182	1,302	1,484
Disposals	· · · · · ·	(254)	(2,467)	(2,721)
Transfers	-	9,072	48,162	57,234
At 31 December 1991	*	10,349	57,664	68,013
Net book value at 31 December 19	91 1,024	16,468	26,171	43,663
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Net book value zi 1 December 1996	9 -	1,213	5,512	6,725
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS (continued)

The net book value of land and buildings comprise;

Group:

	e	31,12.91 £000	30,11,90 £000
	Freehold	16,123	3,363
	Short leaseholds	345	307
	•	16,468	3,670
	×		=====
	Company:		
	Ç.,	31.12.91	30.11.90
		£000	£000
	Freehold	16,123	906
	Short leasehold	345	307
	,	16,468	1,213
		-	
11.	INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES	1	
	and the second s		Company
	.		1000
	Cost:		
	At 1 December 1990		4,644
	Investments disposed of during period		4,644 (4,644)
	At 31 December 1991		•

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

11. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES (continued)

Name of subsidiary company	Country of registration incorporation and operation	(or on)	Holding	Proportion held	Nature of business
Champion Sparking Plug Company Limited	England		Ordinary shares	100%	Manufacture and sale of motorindustry components
Cameron Iron Works Limited	England		Ordinary shares	100%	design and manufacture of components for acrospace and energy industries
Cameron Offshore Engineering Limited *	England		Ordinary shares	100%	design and manufacture of components for energy industry
A B Sant (UK) Limited	England		Ordinary shares	100%	supply of window blinds & components
* Held by subsidiary		11	•		
. STOCKS	į.•		:		
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *		31.12.91 £000	Group 30.11.90 £000	31.1.91 £000	Company 30.11.90 £000
Raw materials and consur Work-in-progress Finished goods and goods		14,349 26,251 41,443	12,334 6,930 13,731	14,349 26,251 41,443	8,674 6,142 6,853
		82,043	32,995	82,043	21,669

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

13. DERTORS

		Group		Company
•	31,12,91	30.11,90	31,12,91	30,11,90
,	£000	£000	£000	£0000
Trade debtors	48,308	21,015	48,308	17,263
Corporation tax recoverable	1,545	· , •	1,545	77
Amounts due from group undertakings	13,136	4,293	13,136	1,569
Other debtors	26,215	3,210	26,215	2,680
Prepayments and accrued income	3,783	831	3,783	307
Pensions	424	20	424	20
	93,411	29,369	93,411	21,839

14. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

·		Group		Company
	31.12.91	30.11.90	31.12.91	30,11.90
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank overdraft	30,126	11,184	30,126	11,184
Short term loans	14,500	28,000	14,500	28,000
Trade creditors	20,000	10,002	20,000	8,021
Other taxes and social security costs	1,962	1,757	1,962	651
Corporation tax	1,500		1,500	
Accruals	8,304	4,115	8,304	2,375
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakin	gs -		•	4,644
Amounts due to group undertakings	73,462	14,513	73,462	10,298
Other creditors	39,386	4,799	39,386	4,799
Pensions	4,990		4,990	
	194,230	74,370	194,230	69,972

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1991

15. DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is provided in the accounts at the rates of tax expected to be in force when the liability is likely to crystallise. The full potential liability for deferred tax has been provided as the directors consider it reasonable to assume that timing differences will reverse.

The amount provided in the accounts at 33% (1990 - 33%) is as follows:

		Group
4	31,12.91	30.11.90
	£000	1000
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	1,725	1,920
Other timing differences	•	(56)
	1,725	1,864
•		***

16. OTHER PROVISIONS

Group	o and	com	pany
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	Provisions for rationalisation and closure	Warranty	
	costs	provisions	Total
ϕ	1991	1991	
,	£000	£000	1000
At 1 December 1990	2,308	2,600	4,908
Additional provisions during the year	•	233	233
Amounts utilised in year	(2,152)	(1,568)	(3,720)
At 31 December 1991	156	1,265	1,421
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17. SHARE CAPITAL

	•	Authorised		ited, called up and fully paid
	31.12.91 No.	30.11.90 No.	31.12.91 £	30.11.90 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	100	100	100

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18.	RESERVES			
				Company
	, ^o est	,	Share premium account £000	Profit and loss account £000
	At 1 December 1990 Profit for the period		9,450	(5,649) 2,918
	At 31 December 1991		9,450	(2,731)
		Capital reserve 1000	Share premium account £000	Group Profit and loss account L000
	At 1 December 1990 Profit for the period Negative goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiaries	20,784 46,850 67,634	9,450	(5,300) 1,212 (4,088)
19.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	*************	31.12.91 £000	30.11.90 £000
	Group and company: Contracted for Authorised by the directors but not contracted for		1,968 3,294	579 34

In arriving at the above amounts government grants have not been taken into account.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS as 31 December 1991

20. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 1991 the annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as set out below:

(a)		Group		Company
	31.12.91	30.11,90	31,12.91	30,11,90
	£000	£000	£000	1000
Land and buildings Operating leases which expire	٥		,	9
within one year	282	42	282	42
within two to five years	856	502	856	502
in over five years	48	200	48	200
				
	1,186	744	1,186	744
Other:		4		
Operating leases which expire:		*		
within one year	314	65	314	16
within two to five years	1,503	458	1,503	218
	4.048	200	3.018	
	1,817	529	1,817	234

21. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group operates a number of defined benefit pension schemes in the United Kingdom some of the assets of which are held in separately administered funds.

The total pension cost is set out in Note 4. The pension contributions have been assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries. Variations in cost have been spread over the estimated average remaining working life time of the members of each scheme.

The most recent formal actuarial valuation of the three major schemes took place at 1 April 1989, 1 May 1990 and 5 April 1989.

The actuarial method used was the project units method. The following assumptions were made in the following range:

% per annuin

investment return	* 5			81/2 = 9
Salary increases	,	'		7 - 8
Pension increases			٠,	3 - 9

At the date of the valuations the total market value of the three schemes was £65.1 million and the actual value of the assets was sufficient to cover 105% to 144% of the benefits that had accrued to members on the valuation dates allowing for assumed future increases in earnings.

22. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

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