# ALFRED McALPINE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED (REGISTERED NUMBER 1152419)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 December 1994



# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 14 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report and the audited accounts for the 14 months ended 31 December 1994.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the group of companies is housing development within the United Kingdom.

#### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS**

#### **Performance**

Turnover was significantly ahead of 1993 due to the combined effect of increased legal completions and higher average selling prices. Operating profit improved substantially with the operating margin from house sales increasing to 9.6 per cent (1993 - 8.0 per cent). In spite of higher working capital due to additional investment in land, interest charges remained the same, leaving pre tax profit ahead at £13.0 million (1993 - £5.5 million).

The period started in a very encouraging manner, with visitors to sites and the rate of sales reservations at a higher level than for several years. However, market demand weakened in the second half of 1994 and reservations drifted back to 1993 levels. Over the period as a whole, notable price rises were achieved in the South East, but prices remained weak generally in other areas of operation. Despite this patchy market, the Homes Division achieved its sales budget for the year, and was able to carry forward into 1995 a healthier order book for houses under construction than in any year since 1989.

Legal completions increased to 1,828 from 1,521 in 1993 (12 months) and the average selling price rose to £90,000 (1993 - £79,400). This price improvement resulted from planned changes in geographic and product mix, rather than overall selling price increases. Operating from an average of 45 sites (1993 - 43 sites) this represented a level of activity of 0.71 unit sales per site per week (1993 - 0.68), well ahead of the industry average. The average gross margin on housing developments improved from 13.8 per cent to 15.9 per cent.

Effective management of assets during the year also contributed to the strong performance of the Homes Division. With the significant expansion of the land bank in 1994, the investment in land and work in progress at 31 December 1994, net of land creditors, was £93.0 million (1993 - £64.8 million). During the period, the movement up market of the product range increased the rate of use of the part exchange scheme, with the percentage of transactions using the scheme increasing to 39 per cent (1993 - 36 per cent), but the investment in part exchange at the end of the period was limited to £10.4 million (1993 - £9.2 million).

The purchase of land is a critical area for the success of the housing industry. Planning constraints and the lack of available quality sites will maintain the upward pressure on land costs. The Homes Division continues to aim to mitigate this situation by reclaiming derelict land, which it purchases at lower prices, buying options over land and the purchase of smaller sites.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 14 MONTHS 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### **REVIEW OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)**

Two major land options were successfully channelled through the planning system during 1994 and have produced 730 plots for Homes North at Northwich, Cheshire and 3,300 housing plots and 750,000 square feet of commercial space for Homes East at Cambourne, 7 miles west of Cambridge. These are significant achievements for the Homes Division and will enhance margins in the medium and longer term. Also, because of increasing scarcity of development land in areas of strong demand, these options offer the opportunity of future potential land swaps. Alfred McAlpine Developments controls a considerable acreage of further land, which it is hoped will yield similar planning success in the future. In total, £70.3 million (1993 - £31.7 million) was spent acquiring 2,725 plots at an average cost of £25,800 (1993 - £23,000) per plot and now Alfred McAlpine Developments owns or controls 7,021 plots with planning consent. The average cost per plot of owned developable land with planning consent amounts to £23,200 (1993 - £21,000)

#### Midlands

The company achieved 384 legal completions (1993 - 305 after excluding sites transferred to the South West Region) at a reasonable profit margin, thus consolidating its position as a basis for increasing market share in its reduced operating area.

#### Southern

The company sold 376 dwellings (1993 - 340) and recorded an excellent pre-tax profit margin of 13.8 per cent.

#### North

The company increased its output to 397 dwellings (1993 - 298) and achieved a significant increase in pre-tax profit. This was despite the market in this region remaining generally weak in 1994.

#### East

The company legally completed the sale of 439 dwellings (1993 - 360). It substantially improved its profit and the quality of the land bank, and entered the current year in a strong position to achieve further growth.

#### South West

The company achieved 228 legal completions and a reasonable pre-tax profit in its first year of trading and has established a sound platform for future growth in its region.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 14 MONTHS 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### Quality

The focus upon product quality and customer service has once again attracted the objective critical appreciation of the National House Building Council, Alfred McAlpine Developments was awarded a total of twenty awards in the NHBC "Pride in the Job" campaign including fourteen "Top 100" awards, three Regional winners and, the highest accolade of all, the national Supreme Award for the manager of the Alfred McAlpine development in Ipswich. Alfred McAlpine Developments won more "Top 100" awards than any other house builder in the country, reflecting the very high and consistent performance of construction management. This is undoubtedly leading to an enhanced reputation amongst the house buying public as well as safe, efficient and well presented developments.

#### <u>Outlook</u>

New housing continues to represent excellent value for money, with higher specification and performance standards than much of the nation's existing housing stock. However, the Government is currently pursuing policies which do little to improve the outlook for the domestic economy or the housing market. The environment is an extremely challenging one, Alfred McAlpine Homes has demonstrated that it is a soundly based, strong and flexible business. It will continue to compete at the upper levels of performance for the industry.

#### PROFIT AND DIVIDENDS

The results for the period are set out on page 7 of the accounts and show a profit on ordinary activities before taxation of £13,023,000 (1993 profit of £5,513,000).

An interim dividend was paid of £3,448,000 (1993 - £1,951,000) and the directors propose a final dividend of £830,000 (1993 - £Nil). The profit after tax and dividends of £4,262,000 (1993 - profit of £1,352,000) has been transferred to reserves.

## CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING REFERENCE DATE

Following the decision of Alfred McAlpine PLC to change its accounting reference date from 31 October to 31 December, the company has also changed its accounting reference date to 31 December. These accounts therefore include the results for the fourteen months ended 31 December 1994, with comparative figures for the year ended 31 October 1993.

#### **DIRECTORS**

EW Grove (Chairman)
GR McCallum
K Lever
GO Whitehead

The interests of EW Grove, GO Whitehead, K Lever and GR McCallum in the shares of Alfred McAlpine PLC are shown in the accounts of that company.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 14 MONTHS 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

The Alfred McAlpine Developments Limited Share Option Scheme was terminated in 1992. Payments not exceeding £501,000 will be made to the remaining members of the Scheme based on the profits to 31 October 1995. Of the remaining members of the Scheme GR McCallum is a director of the company and seven others are directors of fellow subsidiaries of Alfred McAlpine Developments Limited.

Apart from the above, none of the directors had a beneficial interest in any contract or arrangement of significance to which the company was a party during the period.

Alfred McAlpine PLC maintains liability insurance on behalf of the directors and officers of the company.

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company 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, 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 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.

### FIXED ASSETS

The movements on fixed assets are shown in notes 10 and 11 to the accounts.

#### **DONATIONS**

Charitable donations made during the period amounted to £3,000 (1993 - £4,000). No political donations were made.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE 14 MONTHS 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

#### **EMPLOYEES**

It is the policy of the Group to communicate with and involve employees on matters affecting their interests at work, and inform them of the performance of the business.

It is also company policy and practice to give full consideration to suitable applications for employment from disabled persons where they have the necessary abilities and skills for the position. Opportunities exist for employees who become disabled to continue in their employment or be retained for another position.

#### **AUDITORS**

Price Waterhouse have indicated their willingness to be re-appointed.

By Order of the Board

GR McCALLUM Director

26 June 1995

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# Price Waterhouse



# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ALFRED MCALPINE DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 25 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 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 judgments 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 affairs of the company and the group as at 31 December 1994 and of the profit of the company and the group for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PRICE WATERHOUSE Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

26 June 1995

## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 14 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

		14 months ended 31 December	12 months ended 31 October
	Notes	1994 £'000	1993 £'000
TURNOVER	2	177,283	122,641
Cost of Sales		(149,476)	( <u>105,771</u> )
GROSS PROFIT		27,807	16,870
Operating costs	3	(10,223)	(7,091)
OPERATING PROFIT		17,584	9,779
Interest receivable Interest payable	4 5	349 <u>(4,910</u> )	341 <u>(4,607</u> )
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	6	13,023	5,513
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(4,483)	(2,210)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		8,540	3,303
Dividends on equity shares	9	(4,278)	(1,951)
RETAINED PROFIT TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	19	4,262	1,352
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Movements on reserves during the period are shown in note 19 to the accounts.

The notes on pages 11 to 25 form part of these accounts.

The result for the 14 months includes all recognised gains and losses in the period. There is no material difference between the result as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis.

## COMPANY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE 14 MONTHS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1994

	<u>Notes</u>	14 months ended 31 December 1994 £'000	12 months ended 31 October 1993 £'000
TURNOVER		-	-
OPERATING PROFIT		· -	-
Income from shares in group undertakings		<u>4,478</u>	<u>2,517</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		4,478	2,517
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(200)	(566)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES			
AFTER TAXATION		4,278	1,951
Dividends	9	(4,278)	( <u>1,951</u> )
RETAINED PROFIT	19	-	-

Movements on reserves during the 14 months are shown in note 19 to the accounts.

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# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 1994

	Notes	31 December				31 December <u>Notes</u> 1994				3	31 October 1993	
		£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000							
FIXED ASSETS												
Tangible assets Investments	10 11	2,148 1,009		1,887 3,016								
CURRENT ASSETS			3,157		4,903							
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	12 13	129,510 27,256 6,083		89,896 19,775 13,937								
		162,849		123,608								
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	14	(87,079)		(68,000)								
NET CURRENT ASSETS		e e	<u>75,770</u>		<u>55,608</u>							
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			78,927		60,511							
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)	15		( <u>24,118</u> )		(11,109)							
			54,809		49,402							
					-							
CAPITAL AND RESERVES												
Called up share capital Share premium account Other reserve Profit and loss account	17 18 18 19		13,542 23,657 1,145 16,465		13,542 23,657 - 12,203							
			54,809		49,402							
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The notes on pages 11 to 25 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the Board on 26 June 1995

DIRECTOR

GR McCallum

## BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 1994

	<u>Notes</u>	31 December 1994		3	1 October 1993
	11014	€,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	11		1		1
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	13		<u>47,452</u>		47,452
TOTAL ASSETS			47,453		47,453
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)	15		(10,000)		(10,000)
			37,453		37,453
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	17 18 19		13,542 23,657 <u>254</u>		13,542 23,657 254
•			37,453		37,453

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Approved by the Board on 26 June 1995

**DIRECTOR** 

GR McCallum

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### (1) Basis of consolidation

The Group accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the accounts of the parent undertaking, its subsidiaries and the Group's share of the results of associated undertakings. Associated undertakings are those in which the Group holds at least 20% but not more than 50% of the equity share capital and actively participates in policy decisions. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards.

#### (2) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisition is charged directly to reserves.

#### (3) <u>Depreciation</u>

No depreciation is provided on freehold land. All other fixed assets are depreciated in equal annual instalments over their expected useful lives using the following annual rates.

Motor vehicles 25%
Office furniture and fittings 10%
Office machinery 20%

Leasehold premises Over term of lease

Computer equipment 25% Freehold property 2%

### (4) Stocks

Stocks representing land held for, and in the course of, development and work-in-progress have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of land represents the original cost of acquisition; the cost of work-in-progress thereon represents the cost of labour, materials, development costs and site overheads. All interest on land and work-in-progress held by the parent and subsidiary undertakings is expensed directly to the profit and loss account, and is therefore not included in the value of stocks in the balance sheet.

#### (5) Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the earlier of full receipt of cash proceeds or legal completion on the value of house and land sales. It includes the proportion of turnover of associated undertakings attributable to the Group.

#### (6) Land options

Land options comprise payments made by the company to secure future land purchase opportunities and all related professional fees and other costs. Land options are written off on a straight line basis over the length of the option period. As land options are exercised, the amortisation previously written off through the profit and loss account is written back.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### (7) Shared equity scheme debtors

Shared equity scheme debtors are included within trade debtors and are valued at a discounted value to match the benefit of the loan with the future costs of financing these debtors.

### (8) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is accounted for on all timing differences to the extent that it is considered such differences may reverse in the future. The provision/asset has been calculated at the rates of tax anticipated to be applicable when the timing differences are expected to reverse.

#### (9) Investments

investments held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### (10) Pensions

Contributions to the Group's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' service lives within the Group.

#### (11) Cash flow statement

The cash flows of the company for the period are included within the consolidated cash flow statement disclosed in the accounts of Alfred McAlpine PLC. Therefore, in accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 1, no cash flow statement is required in these accounts.

#### (12) Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### 2 TURNOVER

All turnover and operating profits are derived from housebuilding and land sales in the United Kingdom. Turnover includes the Group's proportionate share of turnover of associated undertakings amounting to £1,521,000 (1993 - £1,171,000).

#### 3 OPERATING COSTS

	14 months	12 months
	ended	ended
	31 December	31 October
	<u> </u>	1993
Group:	€'000	£,000
Administration costs	10,223	7,091
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

## 4 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

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		14 months ended 31 December 1994 £'000	ended 31 October 1993
	Interest from banks From associated undertakings Other	136 61 <u>152</u> 349	<u>166</u>
		349	341
5	INTEREST PAYABLE	14 months ended	12 months ended
		31 December 1994 £'000	
	Bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable within five years Other Group - parent undertaking	695 75 <u>4,140</u>	3,431 215 <u>961</u>
		4,910	4,607
6	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION is stated after charging/(crediting)	14 months ended 31 December 1994 £'000	12 months ended 31 October 1993 £'000
	Directors' emoluments (note 8) Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Auditors' remuneration Operating lease rentals:	504 715 127	400 526 85
	Hire of plant and machinery Other Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets Write-back of land option amortisation	821 658 221 (301)	631 427 5
	Share of losses of associated undertakings	<del></del> 978	1,329
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

# 7 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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	-	Group		Company
	14 months	12 months	14 months	12 months
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	31 December	31 October	31 December	31 October
	<u>1994</u>	1993	<u> </u>	1993
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
•				
Corporation tax at 33% (1993 - 33%)	3,976	1,894	-	<del>-</del>
Associated undertakings	53	· -	-	-
Deferred taxation (Note 16)	537	278	200	_
Franked investment income	-	_	•	566
Prior year adjustments	<u>(83</u> )	38	-	-
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	4,483	2,210	200	566
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DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES				
			14 months	12 months
			ended	ended
			31 December	31 October
			1994	1993
			£,000	£,000
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Directors' emoluments (including pension c	ontributions):		504	400
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			<del></del>	<del>11.05</del>
Emoluments (excluding pension contribution	ns):			
01				
Chairman and highest paid director			292	203
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			<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
			Number	Number
Including the above, the emoluments of dire	ectors fell in the	following scal	e:	
		-		
£0 - £5,000			2	4
£155,001 - £160,000			<del>-</del>	1
£200,001 - £205,000			-	i
£205,001 - £210,000			1	-
£290,001 - £295,000			1	_

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

# 8 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES (CONTINUED)

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	14 months	12 months
	ended	ended
	31 December	31 October
	1994	<u>1993</u>
	£,000	£,000
Employee costs during the period including directors:		
Wages and salaries		
Social security costs	9,605	6,907
Other pension costs	836	655
Other pension costs	<u> 190</u>	104
	10.004	
	10,631	7,666
Average number of employees during the period, including directors:		
	Number	<u>Number</u>
Calar		
Sales	111	99
Production	108	94
Administration	<u>161</u>	106
	380	299
	-	
DIVIDENDS		
	Group ar	nd Company
	14 months	12 months
	ended	ended
	31 December	31 October
	1994	1993
	£,000	£,000
Ordinan, 'A'		
Ordinary 'A'	1,656	755
Ordinary	<u>2,622</u>	<u>1,196</u>
	4,278	1,951
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Interim	3,448	1,951
Final	<u>830</u>	-,231
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	4,278	1,951
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

# 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

GROUP	Land and buildings	Plant and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At 31 October 1993 Additions Disposals	693 - ( <u>561</u> )	2,838 · 1,528 <u>(324</u> )	3,531 1,528 <u>(885</u> )
At 31 December 1994	132	4,042	4,174
Depreciation			
At 31 October 1993 Provided during the period Disposals	74 14 <u>(71</u> )	1,570 701 <u>(262</u> )	1,644 715 <u>(333</u> )
At 31 December 1994	17	2,009	2,026
			<del></del>
Net book value			
At 31 December 1994	115	2,033	2,148
At 31 October 1993			
A CT October 1999	619	1,268	1,887
The net book value of land and buildings comprises:	<u></u>	<del>=</del>	
Freehold Long leasehold	108 		
	115		

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### 11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

<del>-</del>	Group		Company	
3.	1 December	31 October	31 December	31 October
<u>-</u>	1994	1993	1994	1993
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£'000
Shares in subsidiary undertakings	_	_	1	1
Unlisted investments in associated undertakings Other participating interests	1,009	3,016	-	· -
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	1,009	3,016	1	1
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#### Shares in subsidiary undertakings:

The principal subsidiaries are:

Alfred McAlpine Homes East Limited Alfred McAlpine Homes Midlands Limited Alfred McAlpine Homes Southern Limited Alfred McAlpine Homes North Limited Alfred McAlpine Homes South West Limited Alfred McAlpine Projects Limited McHawk Limited

All subsidiary undertakings, whose principal activity is housing development, are wholly owned and incorporated in Great Britain.

The investments in subsidiaries within the Group are held by an intermediate parent undertaking, Alfred McAlpine Homes Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain.

### Unlisted investments in associated undertakings:

	Shares	Loans	Net post	
	at	less	acquisition	
Crown	cost	<u>provisions</u>	<u>reserves</u>	<u>Total</u>
Group	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 31 October 1993	1,006	5,180	(3,170)	3,016
Loan (repayments)/advances	-	241	· · ·	241
Share of losses	-	-	(978)	(978)
Reclassification on acquisition		( <u>1,457</u> )	187	( <u>1,270</u> )
At 31 December 1994	1,006	3,964	(3,961)	1,009
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

## 11 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The principal associated undertakings are:

Paycause Limited (33%)

Fairpine Limited

Bishops Park Limited

Compine Developments Limited

Ampwyn Developments Limited

Showpine Limited

Knightpine Limited

All companies, whose principal activities are housing and general development, are incorporated in Great Britain and, unless otherwise indicated, the Group has a 50% shareholding. Subsequent to the period end the company purchased the remaining 50% issued share capital of Ampwyn Development Limited.

### Other participating interests:

		Group		Company
	31 December	31 October 31	December	
	1994	1993	1994	1993
	£'000	£,000	£,000	€,000
Listed shares at cost Provision	8 (8)	8 <u>(8</u> )	- _ <del>-</del>	- 
	-	-	-	-
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#### 12 STOCKS

		Group		Company
	31 December 1994 £'000	31 October 1993 £'000	31 December 1994 £'000	
Land and work in progress	129,510	89,896	-	-

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### 13 DEBTORS

		Group		Company
	31 December	31 October	31 December	31 October
	1994	1993	<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Amounts falling due within one year:				
Trade debtors	6,952	3,886	-	
Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,556	_	-	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	_	-	47,139	47,139
Amounts owed by associated undertakings	4,623	4,016	-	-
Other debtors	6,175	3,762	-	-
Corporation tax recoverable	-	-	313	313
Prepayments and accrued income	693	598	-	-
Advance corporation tax	997	566		<del></del>
	22,996	12,828	47,452	47,452
Amounts falling due after more than one year	r:			
Trade debtors	4,100	6,252	-	-
Deferred taxation (Note 16)	<u>160</u>	<u>695</u>		
	27,256	19,775	47,452	47,452
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## 14 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)

		Group
	31 December	31 October
	1994	1993
	£,000	£,000
Bank loans and overdrafts (secured)	187	30,537
Trade creditors	11,880	9,743
Amounts owed to group undertakings	38,304	187
Other creditors	23,104	19,082
Corporation tax payable	5,251	2,304
Taxation and social security creditors	1,157	269
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,196</u>	<u>5,878</u>
	87,079	68,000
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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### 14 CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year) (CONTINUED)

Bank borrowings of £187,000 (1993 - £30,537,000) and other creditors for land purchases of £19,142,000 (1993 - £14,738,000) are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of certain subsidiaries. Also included within other creditors is an amount for £847,000 relating to the minority interest in Charco 351 Limited which was purchased by Alfred McAlpine Developments Limited on 22 March 1995.

### 15 CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than one year)

		Group		Company
	31 December	31 October	31 December	31 October
	1994	1993	1994	<u>1993</u>
	£,000	€,000	£,000	£,000
Amounts owed to group undertakings (secure	ed) 10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Other creditors	<u>14,118</u>	<u>1,109</u>	<del></del>	
	24,118	11,109	10,000	10,000
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On 31 October 1991 the company entered into a loan agreement with Alfred McAlpine PLC to borrow £10,000,000 at terms subordinated to existing bank facilities, and secured by a charge over the assets of Alfred McAlpine Developments Limited and its subsidiaries. The loan is interest-bearing and repayable in 2001.

Included in other creditors are amounts due for land purchases of £6,944,000 (1993 - £1,093,000) which are secured on assets of certain subsidiaries. Also included within other creditors is an amount for £7,169,000 relating to a bank loan repayable between two and five years secured on assets of a subsidiary.

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

### 16 DEFERRED TAXATION

	31 December 1994 £'000	31 October 1993 £'000	31 December 1994 £'000	31 October 1993 £'000
Deferred tax asset (Note 13)	(160)	(695)	-	-
	<del></del>	-		
Group analysis of provided and potential of	leferred tax:			
		Provided		Potential
	31 December		31 December	31 October
	1994 £'000	1993 £'000	1994 £'000	1993 £'000
Deferred taxation:	£ 000	£ 000	2,000	2,000
Accelerated capital allowances	17	2		2
Other short-term timing differences	<u>(177</u> )	<u>(697</u> )	<u>(172</u> )	<u>(824</u> )
	(160)	(695)	(163)	(822)
		<del></del>		
				Deferred taxation asset £'000
Movement in the period:				
At 31 October 1993 Charge to profit and loss account Adjustment in respect of prior years				(695) 537 <u>(2</u> )
At 31 December 1994				(160)

It has been assumed that, in future years, group relief will be made available by the parent undertaking to enable this deferred tax asset to be recovered.

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

17	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
			nd Company
		31 December	31 October
		<u>1994</u>	<u>1993</u>
		£,000	£'000
	Authorised:		
	34,333,123 Ordinary shares of 25p each	8,583	8,583
	21,666,877 Ordinary 'A' shares of 25p each	<u>5,417</u>	<u>5,417</u>
	21,000,017 Crainary 71 Shares of Lop Cach		
		14,000	14,000
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	Alletted, called up and fully paid:		<del></del>
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:	8,125	8,125
	32,500,315 Ordinary shares of 25p each	5,417	<u>5,417</u>
	21,666,877 Ordinary 'A' shares of 25p each	<u> </u>	3,417
		10 540	13,542
		13,542	13,342
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18	RESERVES	_	
		Group a	nd Company
			£,000
	Share premium account:		
	At 31 October 1993 and 31 December 1994		23,657
	OTHER RESERVES		
		<u>Group</u>	<u>Company</u>
		£,000	£,000
	At 31 October 1993	-	-
	Capital reserve arising on acquisition of		
	McHawk Limited (see note 21).	<u>1,145</u>	
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	At 31 December 1994	1,145	-
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19	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
13	110111 VIID FOOD MODORII	Group	Company
		£'000	£,000
		2000	2000
	At 21 October 1002	12,203	254
	At 31 October 1993		204
	Retained profit for the period	<u>4,262</u>	<u> </u>
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	At 31 December 1994	16,465	254
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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

20 FASING COMMITMENTS	

LEASING COMMITMENTS	31 Decer	mber 1994	31 Oct	ober 1993
	Land and buildings £'000	Other	Land and buildings	Other £'000
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	23 46	68 274	130 23	119 204
Between two and five years After five years	<u>101</u>			
	170	342	153	323
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### 21 ACQUISITIONS

On 25 January 1994 the Group acquired the outstanding 50% of the share capital of McHawk Limited which it did not previously own. Details of this acquisition are as follows:

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	Book value of assets acquired and fair value to the Group £'000
Assets/(liabilities) acquired	
Tangible assets Stocks Debtors Creditors Cash	202 2,640 244 (2,488) <u>1,162</u>
Consideration - paid in cash	1,760 <u>(615</u> )
Capital reserve arising on acquisition	1,145

The McHawk business contributed £183,000 of profit after tax to the Group's result for the period.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

#### 21 ACQUISITIONS (CONTINUED)

The results of the acquired business prior to acquisition are summarised below:

	1 November 1993 to date	
	of acquisition £'000	1993 £'000
Turnover Profit before tax Tax	226 	89 (97) ( <u>380</u> )
Profit after tax	226	(477)

#### 22 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

		Group		Company
	1994	1993	1994	1993
	£.000	£,000	£,000	£'000
Opening shareholders' funds	49,402	48,050	37,453	37,453
Profit/(loss) for the financial period	8,540	3,303	4,278	1,951
Dividends	(4,278)	(1,951)	(4,278)	(1,951)
Capital reserve arising on acquisition	1,145	<del></del>		<del></del>
Closing shareholders' funds	54,809	49,402	37,453	37,453
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#### 23 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

No capital commitments were in existence for either the group or the company as at 31 December 1994 (1993 - £Nil).

#### 24 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There are contingent liabilities in respect of the guarantee of bank loans, and land purchase commitments with certain associated undertakings up to a maximum of £735,000. At 31 December 1994 the borrowings of the associated undertakings amounted to £5,763,000 (1993 - £7,522,000).

During 1992 a number of sales were concluded on contracts which granted the purchasers options to sell the property back to the company at the price at which it was originally sold. These options are exercisable during a one month period in 1995. The value of sales made under this arrangement amounted to £1,268,000.

### NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 1994 (CONTINUED)

#### 25 PENSION COSTS

The Group is a member of the Alfred McAlpine Retirement Benefits Plan (1973) which is a defined benefit pension scheme operated by the ultimate parent undertaking. Details of the scheme are provided in the notes to the accounts of Alfred McAlpine PLC.

#### 26 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent undertaking is Alfred McAlpine PLC which is registered in Great Britain.

A copy of the group accounts of the ultimate parent undertaking may be obtained from The Company Secretary, Alfred McAlpine PLC, 8 Suffolk Street, London SW1Y 4HG.