## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008 **FOR** M C EDWARDS (INSURANCE BROKERS) LIMITED



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## COMPANY INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

**DIRECTORS:** 

M C Edwards

J T Edwards D C Edwards

SECRETARY:

J R Edwards

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Crown Way Rushden

Northamptonshire

NN10 6BS

**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

01232753

**AUDITORS:** 

**DNG Dove Naish** 

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Eagle House 28 Billing Road Northampton

Northamptonshire

NN1 5AJ

**BANKERS:** 

Lloyds TSB Bank Plc

64 Harborough Road

Northampton NN2 7SH





#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 May 2008

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of insurance broking

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements

The company faced a number of market challenges during the course of the financial year. In the opinion of the directors, the company successfully identified these challenges and implemented proactive solutions resulting in a strong financial performance overall.

Total turnover on continuing operations increased in comparison to the previous financial year by 10.9% from £8,465,721 to £9,384,592. This increase can be explained by the key factors detailed below

- A significant increase in policy count following successful marketing initiatives
- The introduction of new and expansion of existing specialist products
- The successful renegotiation of increased levels of commission with major insurers and 'add-on' providers
- Systems advancements facilitating sales processes

Net profit on ordinary activities before taxation fell by 11 1% to £476,131 from £535,691, representing a net margin of 5 1% compared to 6 3% the previous year. This reduction in profitability can be attributed to increased operational costs following relocation of trading premises together with significant investment in systems development and key personnel. The directors predict this downward trend will reverse going forward as turnover reaches projected levels following employment or implementation of the developments mentioned above.

During the financial year, the company relocated to new larger trading premises. The directors took the decision to relocate to provide the platform to enable the company to progress the business expansion plan and promote the company profile in order to attract and retain senior personnel and enhance customer satisfaction.

The directors are of the opinion that the coming financial year will continue to be challenging, with the company facing increased competition, particularly from internet cost comparison sites, resulting in restricted increases in sales unit prices. The company plans to counteract this stagnant market by continued focus on the key sales factors mentioned above with the intention to significantly increase overall unit numbers once again. Additionally a continuous cost monitoring and control programme will be undertaken.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

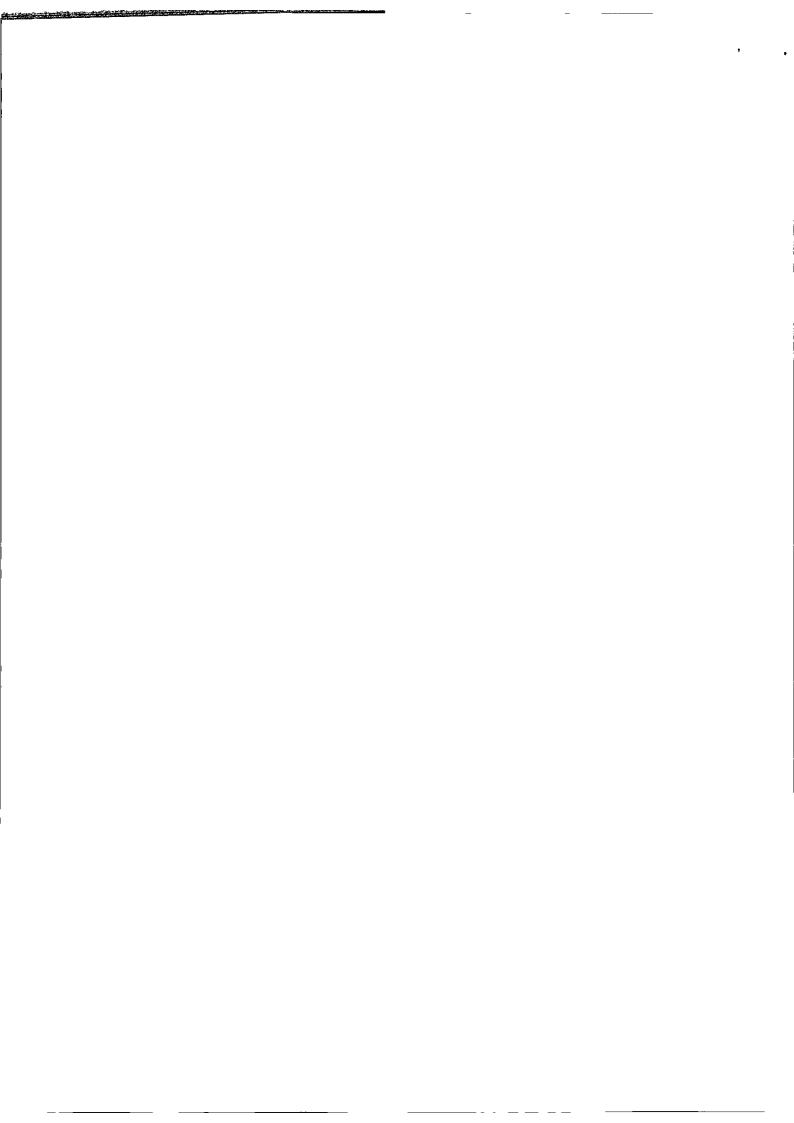
The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 May 2008 will be £24,000

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 June 2007 to the date of this report

M C Edwards J T Edwards D C Edwards





#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 these 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,
- 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.

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **AUDITORS**

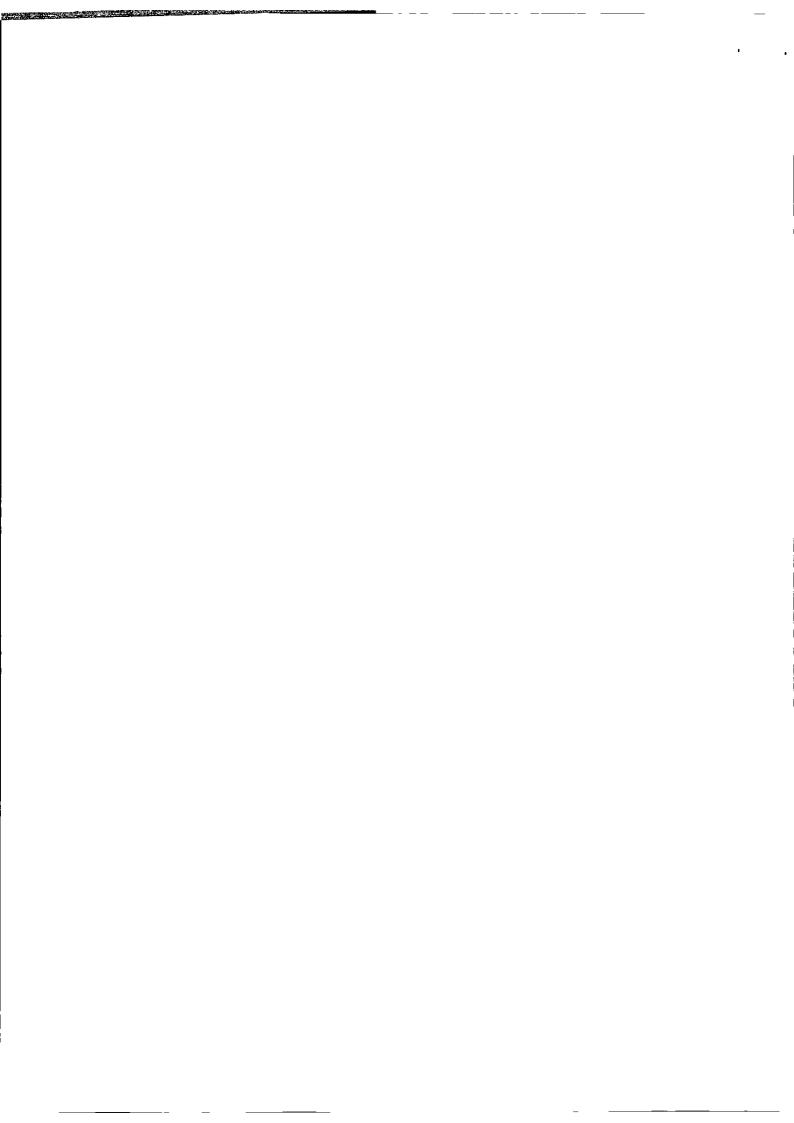
The auditors, DNG Dove Naish, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985

SIGNED BY ORDER OF THE DIRECTORS:

J R Edwards - Secretary

Date 28-10-2008





## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF M C EDWARDS (INSURANCE BROKERS) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of M C Edwards (Insurance Brokers) Limited for the year ended 31 May 2008 on pages six to fifteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out on page three

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the 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.





## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF M C EDWARDS (INSURANCE BROKERS) LIMITED

#### Opinion

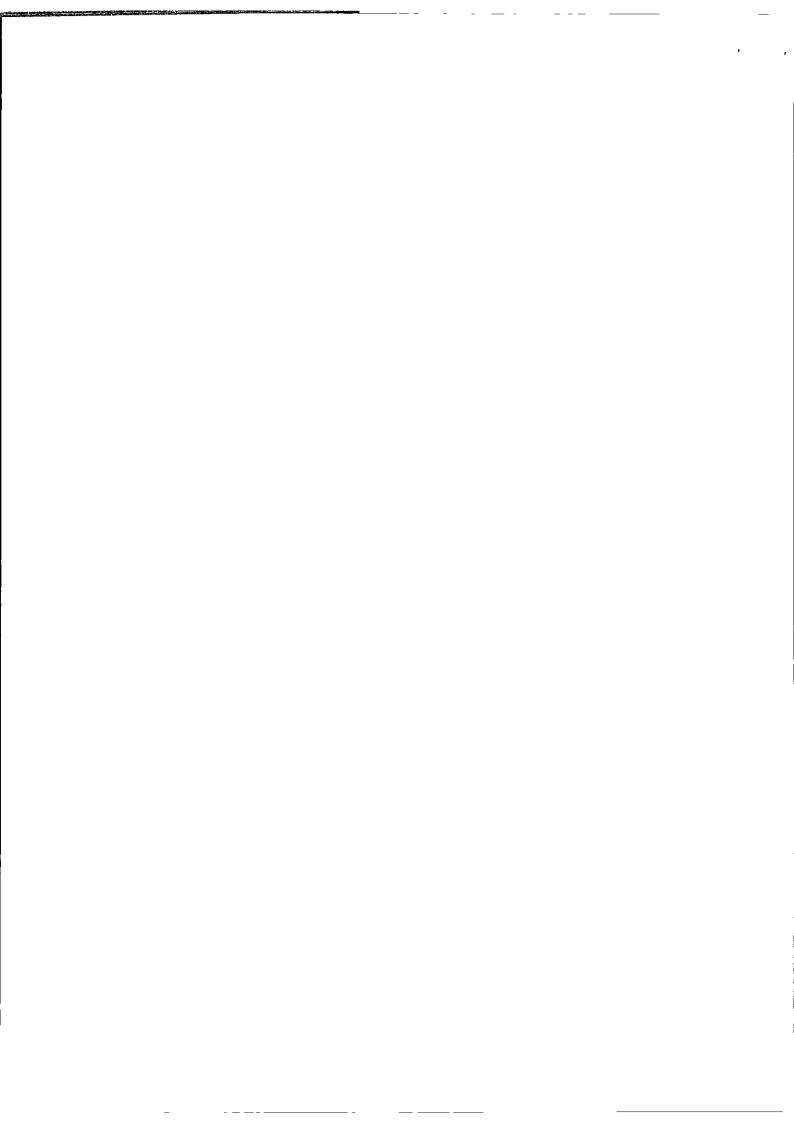
In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 May 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements

DNG Dove Naish
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
Eagle House
28 Billing Road
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Northamptonshire
NN1 5AJ

Date 05 November 2008





#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
TURNOVER		9,384,592	8,465,721
Cost of sales		177,794	46,263
GROSS PROFIT		9,206,798	8,419,458
Administrative expenses		9,054,920	8,129,846
OPERATING PROFIT	3	151,878	289,612
Interest receivable and similar incom	e	324,253	246,079
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	S	476,131	535,691
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	135,524	142,738
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEA AFTER TAXATION	R	340,607	392,953

#### **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year

### **TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES**

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current year or previous year



#### BALANCE SHEET 31 MAY 2008

		2008		200	7
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6 7		1,617,802		1,251,880
Investments	7		5		5
			1,617,807		1,251,885
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	3,070,993		2,438,801	
Cash at bank and in hand		5,084,567		4,887,648	
		0.455.500		7.000 4.0	
CDEDITORS		8,155,560		7,326,449	
CREDITORS  Amounts falling due within one year	9	7,766,320		6,928,318	
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NET CURRENT ASSETS			389,240		398,131
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT					
LIABILITIES			2,007,047		1,650,016
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	11		42,605		2,181
NET ASSETS			1,964,442		1,647,835
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	12		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	13		1,963,442		1,646,835
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16		1,964,442		1,647,835

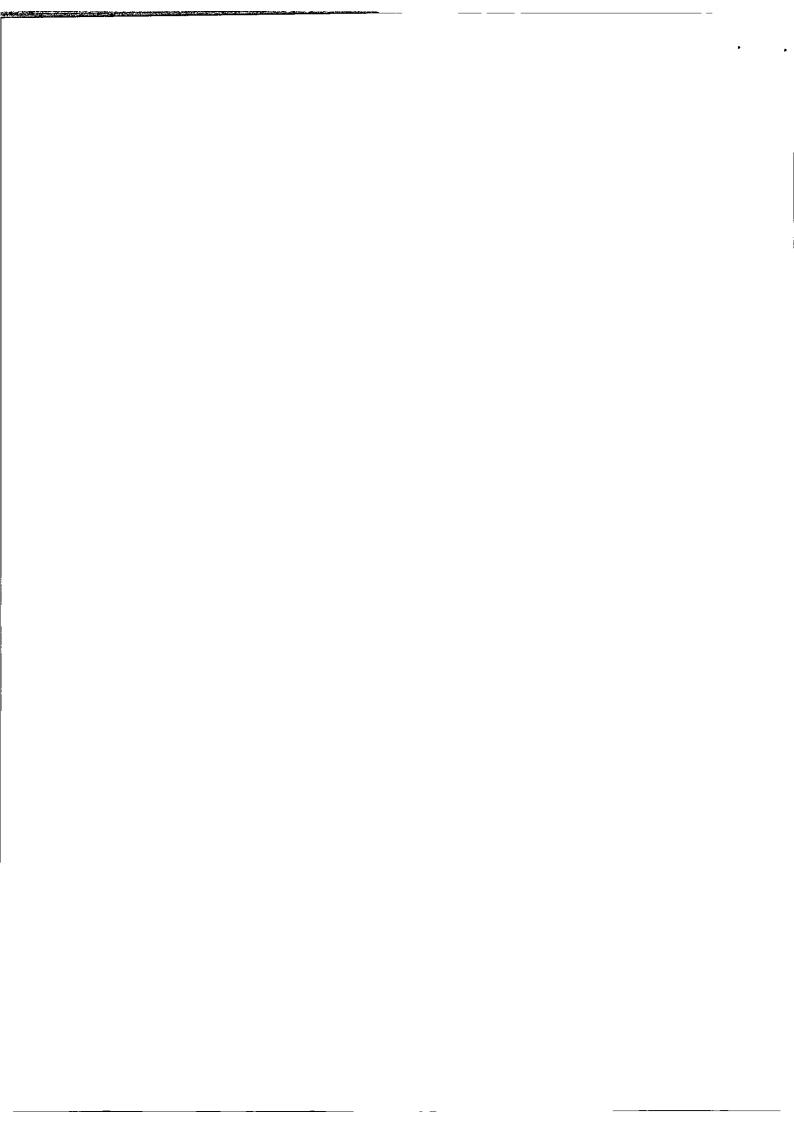
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 October 2008 and were signed on its behalf by

M C Edwards - Director

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

	Notes	2008 £	2007 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1	509,262	1,696,533
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2	324,253	246,079
Taxation		(140,557)	(129,243)
Capital expenditure	2	(472,039)	(844,645)
Equity dividends paid		(24,000)	(24,000)
		196,919	944,724
Financing	2	<del>-</del>	(71)
Increase in cash in the period		<u>196,919</u>	944,653
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds	3		
Increase in cash in the period		196,919	944,653
Change in net funds resulting from cash flows		196,919	944,653
Movement in net funds in the pe Net funds at 1 June	riod	196,919 4,887,648	944,653 <u>3,942,995</u>
Net funds at 31 May		5,084,567	4,887,648





## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

1	RECONCILIATION	OF	<b>OPERATING</b>	<b>PROFIT</b>	TO	NET	CASH	INFLOW	FROM	OPERATING
	ACTIVITIES									

	2008	2007
	£	£
Operating profit	151,878	289,612
Depreciation charges	102,988	72,265
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,131	925
Increase in debtors	(632,194)	(595,884)
Increase in creditors	883,459	1,929,615
Net cash inflow from operating activities	509,262	1,696,533

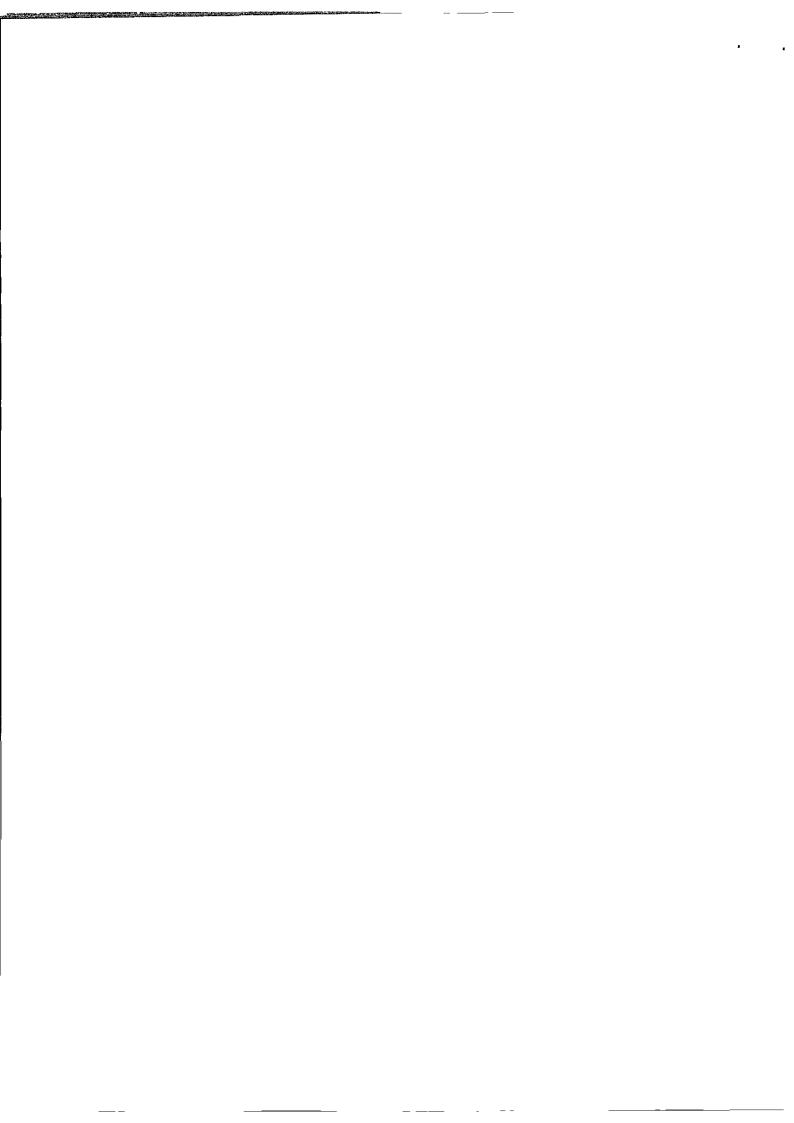
### 2 ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2008 £	2007 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	324,253	246,079
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	324,253	246,079
Capital expenditure Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	(473,739) <u>1,700</u>	(844,645) ————————————————————————————————————
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	<u>(472,039</u> )	<u>(844,645</u> )
Financing Amount withdrawn by directors	<del>-</del>	<u>(71</u> )
Net cash outflow from financing		<u>(71</u> )

#### 3 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS	At 01.06.07 £	Cash flow £	At 31.05.08 £
Net cash Cash at bank and in hand	4,887,648	196,919	5,084,567
	4,887,648	196,919	5,084,567
Total	4,887,648	196,919	5,084,567





## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Freehold property

- 2% on cost

Long leasehold

- Over the life of the lease

Fixtures and fittings
Motor vehicles

- 25% on cost

Computer equipment

- 25% on cost - 33% on cost

#### Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

#### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

#### 2 STAFF COSTS

	2008 £	2007 £
Wages and salaries	5,704,776	5,400,509
Social security costs	662,720	631,660
Other pension costs	227,600	228,800
	6,595,096	6,260,969
The everage monthly number of employees during the year was as felt		
The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	2008	2007
	2500	2007
Administrative staff	99	88
Management staff	7	7
	106	95



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

3	<b>OPER</b>	<b>ATING</b>	PROFIT
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The operating profit is stated after charging

	2008 £	2007 £
Other operating leases	9,955	
Depreciation - owned assets	102,988	72,266
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	3,130	925
Auditors' remuneration	9,300	9,000
		<u></u>
Directors' emoluments	3,954,967	3,836,850
Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	192,800	192,800
Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows	2000	2007
	2008 £	2007 £
Emoluments etc	2,071,171	2,116,970
Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	188,000	188,000

### 4 TAXATION

Analysis of the tax charge

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:	<b>N</b> S	
	2008 £	2007 £
Current tax		
UK corporation tax	95,100	140,557
Deferred tax	40,424	<u>2,181</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	135,524	142,738

### Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below

	2008 £	2007 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	476,131	535,691
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
in the UK of 28% (2007 - 30%)	133,317	160,707
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	21,488	10,085
Deferred tax movement	(40,570)	(4,614)
Marginal relief	<u>(19,135</u> )	(25,621)
Current tax charge	95,100	140,557

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

5	DIVIDENDS		2008	2007
			£	£
	Interim		24,000	24,000
6	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £
	COST	_	_	
	At 1 June 2007 Additions	421,876 	719,870 241,257	48,421 189,957
	At 31 May 2008	421,876	961,127	238,378
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1 June 2007	62,579	7,956	1,009
	Charge for year	8,438	18,521	12,105
	At 31 May 2008	71,017	26,477	13,114
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 May 2008	350,859	934,650	225,264
	At 31 May 2007	359,297	711,914	47,412
		Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
	COST	20.774	004.070	4 54 4 047
	At 1 June 2007 Additions	32,771 13,360	291,879 29,165	1,514,817 473,739
	Disposais	(5,437)	(8,382)	(13,819)
	At 31 May 2008	40,694	312,662	1,974,737
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	DEPRECIATION And the second se	5 500	405.050	
	At 1 June 2007	5,533 0,330	185,859	262,936
	Charge for year Eliminated on disposal	9,329 (4,093)	54,595 (4,896)	102,988 (8,989)
	Emiliated on disposal	(4,095)	(4,090)	(0,303)
	At 31 May 2008	10,769	235,558	356,935
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 31 May 2008	29,925	77,104	1,617,802
	At 31 May 2007	27,238	106,020	1,251,881

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			Shares in group undertaking
COST			L
At 1 June 2007 and 31 May 2008			5
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 May 2008			5
At 31 May 2007			5
The company's investments at the balance following	sheet date in the share ca	apital of compani	es include th
Rider Direct Insurance Services Limited Nature of business Dormant			
Class of shares	% holding		
Ordinary	50 00	2008	2007
Aggregate capital and reserves		£ 2	£ 2
CC Direct Limited Nature of business Dormant			
Class of shares	% holding		
Ordinary	50 00	2008	2007
Aggregate capital and reserves		£2	£ 2
Peugeot Scooter Plus Limited Nature of business Dormant			
Class of shares	% holding		
Ordinary	50 00	2008	2007
Aggregate capital and reserves		£ 2	£2
Cagiva Choice Limited Nature of business Dormant			
	%		
Class of shares Ordinary	holding 50 00		
		2008 £	2007 £
Aggregate capital and reserves		2	2

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

7	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued			
	Crusade Solutions Limited Nature of business Dormant	%		
	Class of shares Ordinary	% holding 50 00		2027
	Aggregate capital and reserves		2008 £ 2	2007 £ 2
8	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ON	E YEAR	2002	0007
			2008 £	2007 £
	Trade debtors		2,882,736	2,177,813
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		4,503 183,754	784 260,204
	, rope, monto and account most mo		3,070,993	2,438,801
9	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN O	NE YEAR		
			2008 £	2007 £
	Trade creditors		3,236,266	2,581,264
	Tax Social security and other taxes		95,100 50,508	140,557 93,370
	Other creditors		4,287,615	4,060,954
	Accruals and deferred income		96,831	52,173
			7,766,320	6,928,318
10	OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS			
	The following operating lease payments are committee	ed to be paid within	one year	
			Land and buildings	
			2008 £	2007 £
	Expiring Between one and five years		50,000	
11	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES		0000	
			2008 £	2007 £
				-

2,181

42,605

Deferred tax

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2008

#### 11 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

	Balance at 1 J Accelerated concentrated in rate Change in rate Balance at 31	apital allowances e			Deferred tax £ 2,181 40,570 (146) 42,605
12	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Authorised, all Number 1,000	lotted, issued and fully paid Class Ordinary	Nominal value: £1	2008 £ 1,000	2007 £ 1,000
13	RESERVES				Profit and loss account £
	At 1 June 200 Profit for the y Dividends				1,646,835 340,607 (24,000)
	At 31 May 200	08			1,963,442

#### 14 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company makes contributions into the personal pension schemes of certain employees. The contributions paid during the year amounted to £227,600 (2007 £228,800). There were no amounts outstanding at the balance sheet date.

### 15 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company was under the control of Mr M C Edwards throughout the current and previous year Mr Edwards is the managing director and majority shareholder

There were no related party transactions requiring disclosure under FRS8

### 16 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2008	2007
Drofit for the financial year	£	£
Profit for the financial year Dividends	340,607 (24,000)	392,953 (24,000)
Dividends	<u>(24,000</u> )	(24,000)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	316,607	368,953
Opening shareholders' funds	1,647,835	1,278,882
Closing shareholders' funds	1,964,442	1,647,835