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#### TWIL LIMITED

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present herewith the accounts for the year ended 31st July 1985 and report as follows:

#### Business review

The company is a holding company; the principal activity of the group is the manufacture of wire and wire products. During the year, with the bemefit of favourable exchange rates, the group has been able to expand in export fields and it has maintained its position as a large competitive producer in the U.K. wire industry.

Results	£000
Profit of the group after taxation	5,292
Dividends Preference	2 276
Ordinary (payable December 1985)	2,376
Retained profit for the year	2,914

#### Directors

Set out below are the names of the directors who held office throughout the year:

- D. M. Bell (Chairman)
- D. W. Ford
- V. Gaeremynck
- D. Houghton
- J. Laird (retired 30th August 1985)
- G. D. Saul
- R. Scholey
- J. C. Velge
- R. A. M. L. Velge

Sir Christophor Laidlaw was appointed 30th August 1985.

No director had any interest in the shares or debentures of the company or any other group company.

#### Research and development

During the year the group's main activities in this field were concerned with the development of new wire products and applications, together with improvements of manufacturing processes.

#### TWIL LIMITED

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTGRS (continued)

#### Employee involvement

The group's policy is to encourage and extend the involvement of employees in the current and future trading of the business. Discussion meetings are organised and information is distributed annually and periodically. During the year discussions have regularly taken place specifically aimed at obtaining the co-operation of, and suggestions from, employees for improvements in efficiency and performance of the group.

#### Employment of disabled persons

The policy is, and has been, to encourage the employment, training and promotion of disabled persons wherever practicable. Should an employee become disabled during the course of employment suitable re-training would, if possible, be made available.

#### Charitable and political donations

Contributions made by the group during the year were as follows:

Charitable purposes	4,600
Political purposes Conservative Party local associations	500

#### Auditors

A resolution for the reappointment of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

By order of the boars

R. E. FARRIS

Secretary

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5th November 1985

#### AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

#### TWIL LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to 20 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts, which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 9, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group at 31st July 1985 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the group for the year to that date and comply with the Componies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants

Sheffield 5th November 1985

#### CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDER 31st JULY 1985

	Note	£000 £000	£000 £000
Group turnover Cost of sales	1	144,590 ( <u>123,838</u> )	131,838 ( <u>112,215</u> )
Gross profit Distribution costs Administrative expenses		20,752 (5,096) <u>(5,537</u> )	19,623 (4,786) <u>(5,282</u> )
Trading profit Share of results of related company	2	10,119 (106)	9,555 (14)
Interest	3	(1,411)	(1,255)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	8,602 (3,310)	8.286 <u>(2.358</u> )
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation Extraordinary profits and losses	_	5,292	5,218
after taxation	5	5,292	<u>(95)</u> 6,123
Profit for the financial year Dividends		3,22	<b>0,24</b>
On preference shares On ordinary shares		2	2
- interim 34.43p per share (1984 - 31.30p per share)		2,376	$\frac{2,160}{2,162}$
Retained profit/(deficit) for the year TWIL Limited Subsidiary companies	ar ,	2,862 141	3,969
- Related company		<u>(94)</u> 2,914	(8) 3,961

The notes on pages 9 to 20 form part of these accounts

## TWIL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JULY 1985

	Note	1985 £000 £000	<u> 1935</u> <b>2000 - 20</b> 00
FIXED ASSETS		<b></b>	
Tangible assets	6	23,237	20,570
Investment in related company	7	462	556
		23,699	21,126
CURRENT ASSETS	•	17 455	18,501
Stocks	8 9	17,455	31,040
Debtors	9	32,349	273040
Advance corporation tax recoverable after more than one year		408	1,605
Cash at bank and in hand		7,323	5,288
Capit at pair and in the trans		***************************************	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
		57,535	56,514
CREDITORS		<del></del>	
Amounts falling due within one year			
Debenture loam (secured)	10	100	100
Bank loans and overdrafts		170	592
Trade and other creditors	11	21,543	21,485
Corporation tax		1,814 2,37 <u>6</u>	1,267 2,160
Dividend			
•		26,003	25,604
NET CURRENT ASSETS		31,532	30,910
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIE	<u>s</u>	55,231	52,036
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due after more than			
one year			
Debenture and bank loans	12	12,796	12,919
Corporation tax due after		002	667
31st July 1986		903	13,586
		41,532	38,450
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARG	ES	1 000	1 000
Deferred taxation	13	1,000	1,000
		40,532	37,450
		, =======	•
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	6,937	
Other reserves	15	668	
Profit and loss account	16	32,927	29,959
		40,532	37,450
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Approved by the board on 5th November 1985

D. M. BELL

Directors

D. W. FORD

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## TWIL LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AT 31st JULY 1985

	Note	198 <u>5</u>	90 \$000 <u>1</u> 35	±000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	6 17	176 38,636 38,8	34,729 812	£0 <b>0</b> ,48
CURRENT ASSETS  Debtors  Advance corporation tax recoverable after more than one year  Cash at bank and in hand	9	6,826 408 <u>1,444</u> 8,678	6,665 1,685 977 9,327	
CREDITORS  Amounts falling due within one year  Bank loans and overdrafts  Trade and other creditors  Corporation tax  Dividend  NET CURRENT ASSETS	11	14 1,793 1,029 2,376 5,212	1 1,524 1,111 2,160 4,796 ,466	<u>4,531</u> 39,434
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIE  CREDITORS  Amounts falling due after more than one year  Debenture and bank loans  Amounts owed to group companies	12	12,796 328 13	12,819 328 ,124	
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	14	<u>2.2</u> 2.5	5,937 2,217 9,154	6,937 19,350 26,287

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# TWIL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985

	1985 £000 £000	500 <u>0 5</u> 000
SOURCE OF FUNDS Funds generated from operations Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Depreciation and profit/loss on sale of	8,602	8,286
fixed assets Share of results of related company	2,850 106 11,558	3,206 14 11,506
Funds from other sources Proceeds on sale of fixed assets	376 11,934	166 11,672
Funds derived from/(applied in) trading operation Decrease/(increase) in working capital: Stocks Debtors Creditors  Working capital of subsidiary acquired	1,421 (448) (668) 305 (510)	(2,102) (1,241) 1,829 (1,514) (412) (1,926)
Excess of net assets over cost of subsidiary acquired	168 11,897	9,746
APPLICATION OF FUNDS  Extraordinary items Capital expenditure (including £426,000 for subsidiary acquired)  Taxation paid Dividends paid  Debentures and take loans repaid	5,893 1,262 2,162 9,317 123 9,440	7,384
INCREASE IN RESOURCES	2,457	2,362
CASH AND BANK BALANCES At 31st July 1984 At 31st July 1985	4,696 7,153 2,457	4,696 2,362

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) The GROUP ACCOUNTS have been prepared under the historical cost convention adjusted by the revaluation of certain properties. The accounts consolidate the accounts of the holding company and all its subsidiaries and related companies for the year.

The results of new subsidiaries are included from the date of acquisition, and those sold excluded from the date of disposal.

- (2) TURNOVER represents the value of sales outside the group excluding value added tax.
- (3) STOCK is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes both variable and fixed overheads appropriate to the stage of production reached.
- (4) DEPRECIATION is provided mainly on the reducing instalment basis to write off the net cost or valuation of fixed assets over the estimated remaining lives of the different classes of assets.

The rates of depreciation charged are as follows:

Buildings Plant and machinery 5% p.a. 10% to 25% p.a.

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Land is not depreciated.

- (5) GOVERNMENT GRANTS received in respect of expenditure on fixed assets have been deducted from the cost of the assets to which they relate.
- (6) DEFERRED TAXATION: provision is made for liabilities to tax deferred by timing differences except where there is a reasonable probability that such liabilities will not arise in the foreseeable future.
- (7) RATES OF EXCHANCE used in the translation of assets and liabilities and trading results expressed in overseas currencies, unless determined by forward exchange contracts, are those ruling at the year end.
- (8) SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES: shares in subsidiaries are stated at the value attributed to their net tangible assets at the date of their acquisition by TWIL LIMITED, less provisions for permanent diminution in those values. Provision is made for subsequent losses.
- (9) RELATED COMPANIES: those companies in whose commercial and financial. policy decisions the company participates and in which the company holds at least 20% of the equity, though not a controlling interest, are treated as related companies.
- (10) GOODWILL purchased, and the difference between the purchase price of subsidiaries acquired and the current value to the group of their net assets other than goodwill, are written off in the year of acquisition.

#### NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985

1.	Turnover	198 <u>5</u> £000	<u> 1984</u>
	Wire and wire products		
	United Kingdom Europe and Scandinavia Middle East and Africa America and Caribbean Rest of the world	118,817 6,909 6,699 8,551 3,614	111,386 5,268 5,993 6,633 2,558
		144,590	131,838

All the above turnover is derived from the one class of business and the profits attributable are shown in the profit and loss account.

#### 2. Trading profit

The trading profit is stated after taking into account the following:

	1985 £000	1984 £000
Depreciation (Profit)/loss on sale of fixed assets Audit fees and expenses Profit on redemption of debenture stock Hire of plant	2,855 (5) 117 (3) 648	2,894 312 108 (3) 512
Emoluments of directors of the holding company Fees Other emoluments	55 77	34 68
	132	102

One director (1984 - one) waived fees totalling £5,000 (1984 -£2,500).

The directors' emoluments, excluding pension con	1985 £000	were: 1984 £000
Chairman Highest paid director	20 62	16 54
Other directors:	Number	Number
IIn to \$5,000	7	8

## NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985 (continued)

2.	Trading profit (continued)  Emoluments of employees of the holding company	1985 Number	Namper 1884
	exceeding £30,000 excluding pension contributions:	1	
	£30,001 - £35,000 £35,001 - £40,000 £40,001 - £45,000	<u> </u>	7
	Staff numbers and costs	1985 Number	1984 Number
	Management, administration and sales Production	842 2,290	817 2,200
		3,132 *******	3,017
		£000	£000
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	26,775 2,052 2,312	25,330 2,157 2,054
		31,139	29,541
		1005	100%
3.	Interest	1985 £000	1984 £000
:	Debenture stocks Investors in Industry loan I.C.F.C. loan Bank and other interest Loan stock	57 655 17 582 360	59 550 26 488 360
	Interest receivable	1,671 260	1,483 228
		1,411	1,255

## NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st COLY 1985

4.	Taxation  Taxation on profit of the financial year Corporation tax at 43.33% Overprovision in prior years  A.C.T. recoverable  Related company taxation  Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1985 £000 3,350  3,350 (28) 3,322 (12) 3,310	1984 2000 2,360 (286) 2,074 2,074 (6) 2,068
·	The charge for corporation tax on the profit of the year has been reduced by the benefit of:  Losses utilised Stock relief Capital allowances Other timing differences	£000 6 - 369 24 399	£000 884 324 532 334 2,074
5•	Extraordinary profits and losses after taxation  Relating to Wire industry rationalisation scheme  Provision for deferred taxation Goodwill on acquisition written off	1985	1984 £000 928 (1,000) (23) (95)

## NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985 (continued)

6.	Tangible	assets
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Tandibic goodes			•	
<u>TW.</u>	[L Limited		he group	
	Plant	Land and	Plant	
	and	buildings	and	
,	machinery	at cost or	machinery	
<i>s</i>	ac cost	valuation	at cost	<b>Inter</b>
	£000	0003	£000	<u>0000</u>
Cost or valuation	2000	200		
At 31st July 1984	317	9,835	32,813	42,648
•	144	738	4,729	
Additions			(996)	
Disposals	(123)	(229)	•	
Assets of subsidiary acquir	ed	475	<u>763</u>	1,238
	338	10,819	37,309	48,128
		**************************************	<del></del>	****
Depreciation				
At 31st July 1984	143	2,445	19,633	22,078
Provided for year	74	294	2,561	2,855
	(55)	(69)	(785)	(854)
On disposals	(33)	(4.)	(,,,,	(00.0
On assets of subsidiary		167	645	812
acquired		167		
	162	2,837	22,054	24,891
		<del></del>		
Net balance sheet amount				
	176	7,982	15,255	23,237
at 31st July 1985	===	20022	***	D CAPIENE
Net balance sheet amount				
at 31st July 1984	174	7,390	13,180	20,570
<u> </u>	222	22353	22.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.20.2	五建紫光岩岩

The net balance sheet amount of land and buildings comprises:

		luation at July 1975	At cost	
			£000	Total £000
Freehold				
At 31st July 1985 At cost or valuation Depreciation	1,660	4,322 1,735	4,375 952	10,357 2,687
Net balance sheet amount	1,660	2,587	3,423	7,670
At 31st July 1984 At cost or valuation Depreciation	1,700	4,510 1,668	3,163 642	9,373 2,310
Net balance sheet amount	1,700	2,842	2,521	7,063

Land and buildings at cost includes land of £357,000 (1984 - £59,000).

## TWIL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985 (continued)

6.	Tangible	assets	(continued)
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Tangible assets (continued)	At val	luation at July 1975	At cost	
Long leasehold	Land £000	Buildings £000	Buildings £000	Total £000
At 31st July 1985 At cost or valuation Depreciation	7	165 66	290 <u>84</u>	462 150
Net balance sheet amount	7 ***	99 ****	206	312 ****
At 31st July 1984 At cost or valuation Depreciation	7	165 61	290 <u>74</u>	462 135
Net balance sheet amount	7	104	216	327 works

The amount of freehold and leasthold land and buildings (included at valuation) determined according to historical accounting rules is as follows:

follows:		<u>1985</u> £000	1984 £000
Cost Depreciation		5,411 2,945	5,514 2,878
Debressee		2,466	2,636

The surplus arising on the revaluation at 31st July 1975 was principally applied in a capitalisation issue in 1979.

7.	Related company	1985 £000 €		1984 £000 £	
	Shares at cost to group Retained profits	220	125	220	125
•	Prior to acquisition by TWIL Limited Subsequently	117	337	211	<u>431</u>
			462 ====		556 ====

Company	Percentage held	Country of incorporacion
Tinsley Wire (Ireland) Limited - ordinary shares of £1 each	49.8%	Republic of Ireland

## TWIL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR EXDED 31st JULY 1985 (CORT: nued)

8.	Stocks	<u> 1985</u> <u> £000</u>	1984 £000
	Raw materials and consumables Work in progress and finished goods	7,747 9,708	S,240 10,261
		17,455	18,501

Due to the nature of the products and the manufacturing processes, it is not practicable to distinguish between stocks of work in progress and finished goods.

#### 9. <u>Debtors</u>

Third County and all and the county are and the county and the county and the county and the county ar	1985	1984
The group	£000	€000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by related company Other debtors (including £96,000 (1984 - £73,000) due after more	30,166 76	29,020 95
than one year)	568	389
Prepayments and accrued income	1,539	1,536
	32,349	31,040
TWIL Limited		
Amounts owed by group companies (including proposed dividends £7,278,000		
(1984 - £6,334,000))	6,598	6,334
Amounts owed by related company Other debtors (including £81,000 (1984 - £71,000) due after more	24	22
than one year)	139	214
Prepayments and accrued income	67	95
	6,826	6,665

Other debtors include £30,000 (1984 - £27,167) in respect of a loan, for house purchase, to a director, Mr. D. W. Ford. The terms of the director's loan have been agreed by the shareholders. Repayment of the loan has been deferred until the date of the director's retirement.

#### 10. Debenture loan (secured)

The loan from Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation is guaranteed by the holding company and secured by fixed and floating charges on the assets of a subsidiary. The annual rate of interest is 9½% and repayment is by equal annual instalments.

## NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st CULT 1985 (continued)

11.	Trade and other creditors  The group  Trade creditors Other creditors (including taxation social security £1,710,000 (1984 -	and • £1,945,00	198 200 17,7 0)) 3,8	<del>0</del> 13 30 643	1984 2000 16,963 4,502 21,485
	TWIL Limited  Trade creditors  Amounts owed to group companies  Other creditors (including taxation social security £214,000 (1984 -	and £202,000))	<u>1</u> .	786  007 793	620 10 894 1,524
12.	Debenture and bank loans	TWIL L1:	mi.ted 1984 £000	The 8'	roup 1984 £000
	Secured Debenture stocks Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation loan	796 	819	796 	819 100 919
	Unsecured Investors in Industry loan Banker's term loan 12% subordinated convertible unsecured loan stock 1995/2000	5,000 4,000 3,000	5,000 4,000 3,000	5,000 4,000 3,000	5,000 4,000 3,000

#### (1) Debenture . tocks

(a) £461,500 6½% debenture stock 1984/89 and £334,200 7½% debenture stock 1988/93 are both secured by floating charges on the assets and undertakings of the company and centain subsidiary companies under a trust deci dated 31st July 1964, and supplemental trust deeds thereto, in favour of the Commercial Union Assurance Co. Limited as trustee.

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### NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1985

#### 12. Debenture and bank loans (continued)

#### (i) Debenture stocks (continued)

(b) Under the terms of the trust deeds the company shall apply funds towards the redemption of the stocks at the rate of £12,500 per annum from 1st August 1968 for the 5½% stock and £8,500 per annum from 1st August 1972 for the 7½% stock. At 31st July 1985 the company had redeemed stocks in excess of the requirements of the trust deeds. Since 31st July 1985 and after 31st July 1988 respectively, the company is entitled to redeem the whole or part of the stocks on giving three months' notice.

#### (11) Investors in Industry loan

Repayment is by five equal annual instalments from 31st December 1990 or on notice by the company after 30th June 1988. The rate of interest is 1½% over inter bank-rate.

#### (iii) Banker's term loan

Repayment is by four equal annual instalments from 31st December 1987 or on notice by the company after 31st December 1986. The rate of interest is 1% over inter-bank mate.

#### 13. Deferred taxation

The full potential liability of the group to deferred taxation is as

follows:	1985 £000	1984 £000
Capital expenditure Surplus on revaluation and	5,398	4,822
rolled-over gains on land and buildings	1,077 (278)	1,048
Losses Other timing differences	61 6,258	43 5,907
Less advance corporation tax recoverable	(408)	(1,685)
<b>200</b>	5,850 =====	4,222

A provision of £1,000,000 has been made in respect of accelerated capital allowances (1984 - £1,000,000).

## MOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st JULY 1987.

14.	Share capital of TWIL LIMITED	1985 and	Allotted, called up
		Authorised	fully paid
	Shares of £1 each 18,000 'A' 4,2% redeemable cumulative preference	18	18
	18,000 'B' 4.2% redeemable cumulative preference 'A' ordinary 'B' ordinary 'C' ordinary	18 1,500 1,500 6,964	18 1,500 1,500 3,901
		10,000 ======	6,937

The company may redeem the whole (but not part only) of the preference shares, without premium, by giving one month's notice to the holders.

15.	Other reserves	<u>1985</u> £000	1984 £000
	Share premium of subsidiary company	500	500
	Surplus of net assets over acquisition cost of subsidiary in 1985 Revaluation reserve	168	54
		668 ***	554
	•	•	1001
16.	Profit and loss account	<u>1985</u> £000	<u>1984</u> £000
	Balance at 31st July 1984	29,959 54	25,998 -
	Transfer from revaluation reserve Profit retained for year	2,914	3,961
	ITOTTO MANAGEMENT .	32,927	29,959

TWIL Limited has not presented its own profit and loss account as permitted by section 228(7) of the Companies Act 1985. The amount of the consolidated profit for the financial year dealt with in the accounts of the holding company is £5,245,000 (1984 - £6,131,000).

#### THIL LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR EMDED 31st JULY 1985 (continued)

17.	Investments of TWIL Limited	1985 £000	<u> 1984</u> <u>2010</u>
	Shares in group companies Loans to group companies, less provision for losses Shares in related company (note 7)	7,428 30,863 345	27,556 245
		38,636 *******	34,729 ********

The principal wholly owned subsidiaries are shown below; other subsidiaries are not listed and will be shown on the next annual return to the Registrar of Companies:

Barnards Limited Birnam Products Limited Chain Link Fencing Limited The Lace Web Spring Company Limited Fairmile Fencing Limited (formerly Lilleshall Engineering Limited) Lionweld Limited (acquired 29th July 1985) Rylands-Whitecross Limited Sentinel (Wire Products) Limited Tinsley Building Products Limited (registered in Scotland) Tinsley Wire Industries Limited Tinsley Wire (Scotland) Limited (registered in Scotland) Tinsley Wire (Sheffield) Limited Tomado Limited TWIL Group Export Limited TWIL Group Management Limited

#### Obligations under finance leases 18.

TWIL Group Marketing Limited TWIL Handling and Display Limited

Under the terms of finance leases entered into at 31st July 1985 the group is committed to make the following payments net of finance £000 charges:

charges:	453
Within one year	830 23
Within two to five years After five years	1,306

Lease rentals are charged to profit and loss account during the period in which they arise.

## NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR EXDED Blat JULY 1985 (continued)

#### 19. Pension commitments

The group participates in pension schemes covering the majority of its employees. These schemes are financed through separate trusted administered funds. Contributions to these funds, which are charged against profit, are based upon actuarial advice following the most recent valuation of the funds.

20.	Future capital expenditure	1985 £000	1984 2000
	Contracts for capital expenditure not provided for in these accounts:  The group Capital expenditure authorised but not	1,589	1,610
	contracted for at 31st July 1985: The group	960	4,640

The above amounts are before deducting any government grants receivable. TWIL LIMITED has no planned capital expenditure.

#### 21. Contingent liabilities

#### (i) Leasing transactions

TWIL Limited has guaranteed the leasing agreements of certain subsidiaries. At 31st July 1985, TWIL Limited had a contingent liability for the amounts due in respect of the unexpired terms of the leases amounting to £1,346,000 (1984 - £1,279,000).

#### (ii) Value added tax

Under a group registration, TWIL Limited is jointly and severally liable for value added tax due by other group companies. At 31st July 1985, this contingent liability amounted to £388,000 (1984 - £498,000).

#### (iii) Bills

Contingent liabilities in respect of bills discounted amounted to £500,000 (1984 - £NIL) for the group.