

REGISTERED NUMBER: 1419058 (England and Wales)

Abbreviated Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

for

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited



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for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

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North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

Company Information
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

DIRECTORS:	D L Cook Mrs C A Cook P Kershaw A Gulliver
SECRETARY:	D L Cook
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Springwell Lane Norhallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8QJ
REGISTERED NUMBER:	1419058 (England and Wales)
AUDITORS:	Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price Registered Auditor 80/81 High Street Northallerton North Yorkshire DL7 8EG
BANKERS:	Bank of Scotland plc St Andrews Chambers 21-22 Park Row Leeds LS1 5JF
SOLICITORS:	Thorp Parker Martin House High Street Stokesley North Yorkshire TS9 5AD

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

Report of the Directors
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 1996.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of retailing timber and related products.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

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

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 March 1996.

FIXED ASSETS

The movements in fixed assets are set out in note eight on page thirteen of the financial statements.

DIRECTORS

The directors during the year under review were:

D L Cook
Mrs C A Cook
P Kershaw
A Gulliver

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31 March 1996 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:

	31.3.96	1.4.95
Ordinary £1 shares		
D L Cook	100,000	100,000
Mrs C A Cook	50,000	50,000
P Kershaw	-	-
A Gulliver	-	-

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

Report of the Directors
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

AUDITORS

The auditors, Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


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D. E. Cook - SECRETARY

Dated: 16/1/97

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

**Report of the Auditors to
North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited
Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985**

We have examined the abbreviated financial statements on pages six to eighteen together with the full financial statements of North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated financial statements in accordance with Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to the company's entitlement to the exemptions claimed in the directors' statement on page seven and whether the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Basis of opinion

We have carried out the procedures we considered necessary to confirm, by reference to the audited financial statements, that the company is entitled to the exemptions and that the abbreviated financial statements have been properly prepared from those financial statements. The scope of our work for the purpose of this report does not include examining or dealing with events after the date of our report on the full financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the company is entitled under Sections 246 and 247 of the Companies Act 1985 to the exemptions conferred by Section B of Part III of Schedule 8 to that Act, in respect of the year ended 31 March 1996, and the abbreviated financial statements on pages six to eighteen have been properly prepared in accordance with that Schedule.

Other information

On 16/1/97 we reported, as auditors of North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited, to the shareholders on the financial statements prepared under Section 226 of the Companies Act 1985 for the year ended 31 March 1996, and our audit report was as follows:

"We have audited the financial statements on pages five to seventeen which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page ten.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two 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.

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Report of the Auditors to
North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited
Pursuant to Paragraph 24 of Schedule 8 of the Companies Act 1985

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 1996 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985."

Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price

Lishman Sidwell Campbell & Price
Registered Auditor
80/81 High Street
Northallerton
North Yorkshire
DL7 8EG

Dated: *16th January 1997*

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

Abbreviated Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

		1996	1995
	Notes	£	£
GROSS PROFIT		1,494,290	1,433,660
Administrative expenses		1,342,614	1,231,459
OPERATING PROFIT	3	151,676	202,201
Interest receivable and similar income	4	-	26
		151,676	202,227
Interest payable and similar charges	5	42,855	31,664
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		108,821	170,563
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	30,352	36,812
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		78,469	133,751
Retained profit brought forward		797,244	663,493
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		<u>£875,713</u>	<u>£797,244</u>

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profits for the current and previous years.

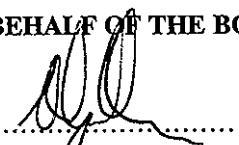
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Abbreviated Balance Sheet
31 March 1996

		1996		1995	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	7		358,757		350,388
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stocks	8	990,602		1,078,948	
Debtors	9	935,417		913,176	
Cash at bank and in hand		633		97	
		<u>1,926,652</u>		<u>1,992,221</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>1,076,363</u>		<u>1,156,354</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS:			<u>850,289</u>		<u>835,867</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:			1,209,046		1,186,255
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	11		(155,984)		(219,707)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES:	15		(27,349)		(19,304)
			<u>£1,025,713</u>		<u>£947,244</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	16		150,000		150,000
Profit and loss account			875,713		797,244
Shareholders' funds	18		<u>£1,025,713</u>		<u>£947,244</u>

Advantage has been taken of the exemptions conferred by Section B of Part III of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 on the grounds that, in the opinion of the directors, the company is entitled to the benefit of those exemptions as a medium-sized company.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:


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- DIRECTOR


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- DIRECTOR

Approved by the Board on16/1/97.....

The notes form part of these financial statements

North Yorkshire Timber Company Limited

Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

	<u>1996</u>		<u>1995</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities		209,979		107,463
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received	-		26	
Interest paid	(42,855)		(31,664)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		(42,855)		(31,638)
Taxation				
Corporation Tax paid	(33,675)		(71,693)	
Tax paid		(33,675)		(71,693)
Investing activities				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(72,473)		(178,047)	
Sale of tangible fixed assets	6,365		8,185	
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(66,108)		(169,862)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		67,341		(165,730)
Financing				
Pension Scheme Loan Advances	-		73,829	
New Hire Purchase Loans	12,729		84,289	
Repayments of Amounts Borrowed	(36,384)		(87,881)	
Hire Purchase Loan Repayments	(43,252)		(25,945)	
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing		(66,907)		44,292
Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>£434</u>		<u>£(121,438)</u>

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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

1. **RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	1996 £	1995 £
Operating profit	151,676	202,201
Depreciation charges	59,032	45,553
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(1,295)	(1,521)
Decrease/(Increase) in stocks	88,346	(320,111)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(22,241)	5,023
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(65,539)	176,318
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Net cash inflow from operating activities	209,979	107,463
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2. **ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR**

Year ended 31 March 1996

	£
Balance at 1 April 1995	(325,175)
Net cash inflow	434
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Balance at 31 March 1996	(324,741)
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Year ended 31 March 1995

	£
Balance at 1 April 1994	(203,737)
Net cash outflow	(121,438)
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Balance at 31 March 1995	(325,175)
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3. **ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET**

Year ended 31 March 1996

	31.3.96 £	1.4.95 £	Change in year £
Cash at bank and in hand	633	97	536
Bank overdrafts	(325,374)	(325,272)	(102)
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	(324,741)	(325,175)	434
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Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 March 1996

Year ended 31 March 1995

	31.3.95	1.4.94	Change in year
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	97	147	(50)
Bank overdrafts	(325,272)	(203,884)	(121,388)
	<u>(325,175)</u>	<u>(203,737)</u>	<u>(121,438)</u>

4. **ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR**

Year ended 31 March 1996

	Pension Scheme Loan	Hire Purchase
	£	£
Balance at 1 April 1995	157,553	104,692
New Hire Purchase Loans	-	12,729
Pension Scheme Loan Repayments	(36,385)	-
Hire Purchase Loan Repayments	-	(43,253)
	<u>121,168</u>	<u>74,168</u>
Balance at 31 March 1996	<u>121,168</u>	<u>74,168</u>

Year ended 31 March 1995

	Pension Scheme Loan	Hire Purchase
	£	£
Balance at 1 April 1994	171,605	46,348
Pension Scheme Loan Advances	73,829	-
New Hire Purchase Loans	-	84,289
Pension Scheme Loan Repayments	(87,881)	-
Hire Purchase Loan Repayments	-	(25,945)
	<u>157,553</u>	<u>104,692</u>
Balance at 31 March 1995	<u>157,553</u>	<u>104,692</u>

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Notes to the Abbreviated Financial Statements **for the Year Ended 31 March 1996**

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 or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Fixtures & Fittings	- 15% on reducing balance
Office Equipment	- 20% on reducing balance
Handling Plant	- 15% on reducing balance
Plant & Machinery	- 15% on reducing balance
Computer System	- 25% straight line
Motor Vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Commercial Vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance

Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

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2. STAFF COSTS

	1996	1995
	£	£
Wages and salaries	711,791	667,703
Social security costs	64,065	64,887
Other pension costs	4,157	14,068
	<u>780,013</u>	<u>746,658</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	1996	1995
Machinists, Yard & Drivers	27	26
Sales	14	13
Office/Administration	6	6
Directors	4	4
	<u>51</u>	<u>49</u>

3. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	1996	1995
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	52,657	35,022
Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts	6,375	10,531
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(1,295)	(1,521)
Auditors' remuneration	4,300	4,175
	<u>179,236</u>	<u>208,705</u>

Details of individual emoluments, excluding pension contributions, were as follows:

	1996	1995
	£	£
Chairman	105,000	120,000

These emoluments are included in the information which follows.

The directors' emoluments, excluding pension contributions, fell within the following ranges:

	1996	1995
£15,001 - £20,000	1	1
£20,001 - £25,000	1	1
£30,001 - £35,000	1	-
£35,001 - £40,000	-	1
£100,001 - £105,000	1	-
£115,001 - £120,000	-	1

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4. **INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME**

	1996	1995
	£	£
Deposit Account Interest	-	26
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. **INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES**

	1996	1995
	£	£
Bank Interest	18,423	11,908
Pension Scheme Loan Interest	13,512	14,278
Hire Purchase	10,920	5,478
	<u>42,855</u>	<u>31,664</u>

6. **TAXATION**

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

	1996	1995
	£	£
UK Corporation Tax	22,006	33,374
Previous Years	301	-
Deferred taxation	8,045	3,438
	<u>30,352</u>	<u>36,812</u>

UK Corporation Tax has been charged at 25% (1995 - 25%).

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7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures & Fittin- gs	Office Equipment	Handling Plant	Plant & Machinery
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 1995	161,672	16,976	75,096	215,910
Additions	363	3,069	-	5,400
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,200)
At 31 March 1996	162,035	20,045	75,096	216,110
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 April 1995	39,820	11,595	21,410	93,608
Charge for year	18,303	1,400	8,054	18,001
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	(130)
At 31 March 1996	58,123	12,995	29,464	111,479
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 1996	103,912	7,050	45,632	104,631
At 31 March 1995	121,852	5,381	53,686	122,303

	Computer System	Motor Vehicles	Commerci- al Vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 1995	51,306	67,094	21,500	609,554
Additions	47,741	-	15,900	72,473
Disposals	-	-	-	(5,200)
At 31 March 1996	99,047	67,094	37,400	676,827
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 April 1995	44,761	42,906	5,068	259,168
Charge for year	3,873	5,314	4,087	59,032
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	(130)
At 31 March 1996	48,634	48,220	9,155	318,070
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 1996	50,413	18,874	28,245	358,757
At 31 March 1995	6,545	24,189	16,432	350,388

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Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	Plant & Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Commerci- al Vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£
COST:				
At 1 April 1995	84,569	18,275	14,000	116,844
Additions	-	-	15,900	15,900
At 31 March 1996	84,569	18,275	29,900	132,744
DEPRECIATION:				
At 1 April 1995	3,478	7,092	2,333	12,903
Charge for year	-	2,796	3,579	6,375
At 31 March 1996	3,478	9,888	5,912	19,278
NET BOOK VALUE:				
At 31 March 1996	81,091	8,387	23,988	113,466
At 31 March 1995	81,091	11,183	11,667	103,941

8. **STOCKS**

	1996	1995
	£	£
Goods for Resale	990,602	1,078,948

9. **DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	1996	1995
	£	£
Trade Debtors	903,149	861,177
Prepayments	32,268	51,999
	935,417	913,176

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**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	1996 £	1995 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	325,374	325,272
Hire purchase contracts (see note 13)	39,352	42,538
Trade Creditors	450,962	482,879
Other Taxes & Social Security	148,996	176,691
Accrued Expenses	56,482	48,685
Directors Loan Accounts	33,191	46,915
Taxation	22,006	33,374
	<u>1,076,363</u>	<u>1,156,354</u>

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	1996 £	1995 £
Pension Scheme Loan (see note 12)	121,168	157,553
Hire purchase contracts (see note 13)	34,816	62,154
	<u>155,984</u>	<u>219,707</u>

12. LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:

	1996 £	1995 £
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	<u>325,374</u>	<u>325,272</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Pension Scheme Loan	<u>121,168</u>	<u>157,553</u>

Interest is charged on the Pension Scheme Loan at three per cent above Bank of Scotland base rate. Capital repayments of £10,068 are due to be made by 31st December 1996. The balance is due to be repaid by 30th March 1998.

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13. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASE CONTRACTS

	Hire purchase contracts	
	1996 £	1995 £
Gross obligations repayable:		
Within one year	46,862	50,220
Between one and five years	41,608	74,734
	<u>88,470</u>	<u>124,954</u>
Finance charges repayable:		
Within one year	7,510	7,682
Between one and five years	6,792	12,580
	<u>14,302</u>	<u>20,262</u>
Net obligations repayable:		
Within one year	39,352	42,538
Between one and five years	34,816	62,154
	<u>74,168</u>	<u>104,692</u>

14. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	1996 £	1995 £
Bank overdrafts	<u>325,374</u>	<u>325,272</u>

The bank borrowings are secured with a debenture incorporating a fixed and floating charge over all the assets of the company.

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

	1996 £	1995 £
Deferred Taxation	<u>27,349</u>	<u>19,304</u>
	Deferred taxation	
	£	
Balance at 1 April 1995	19,304	
Accelerated Capital Allowances	8,045	
	<u>27,349</u>	
Balance at 31 March 1996		

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16. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value: £1	1996 £	1995 £
1,000,000	Ordinary		<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid: Number:	Class:	Nominal value: £1	1996 £	1995 £
150,000	Ordinary		<u>150,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>

17. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the Company purchased goods to the value of £1,972 (1995 - £7,368) and sold goods to the value of £18,767 (1995 - £29,033) to Amco Timber Limited, a company in which D.L. Cook is materially interested as a director and shareholder.

The Company also purchased goods to the value of £22,342 (1995 - Nil) and sold goods to the value of £14,898 (1995 - Nil) to Amco Roof Trusses Limited, a company in which D.L. Cook is materially interested as a director and shareholder.

All of the above transactions were undertaken at arms length and on normal commercial terms.

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1996 £	1995 £
Profit for the financial year	<u>78,469</u>	<u>133,751</u>
NET ADDITION TO SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	<u>78,469</u>	<u>133,751</u>
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>947,244</u>	<u>813,493</u>
CLOSING SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	<u>1,025,713</u>	<u>947,244</u>
Equity interests	<u>1,025,713</u>	<u>947,244</u>