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SERVOMEX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED . (formerly SWIFT 415 LIMITED)

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

31 December 1988

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the twelve months ended 31 December 1988.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the Group is the design, manufacture, marketing and sale of Gas Analysis equipment, instrumentation and systems for distribution worldwide.

The Group's objectives are to broaden market penetration through the expansion and diversification of its product base by development and/or acquisition and through the continued promotion and support of its worldwide distribution and service network.

RESULTS FOR THE PERIOD

The Group achieved a profit before taxation of £1,617,000 (1987 - £492,000). The retained profit for the financial period amounted to £801,000 (1987 - £201,000) which was transferred to reserves.

A preference dividend of £232,000 (1987 - £118,000) has been proposed in respect of the 3,304,594 cumulative redeemable preference shares in issue. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend in respect of the ordinary shares.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Group's products are classified by the directors as advanced technology and as such require constant update and renewal to remain competitive.

It is the policy of the Group to devote significant funds each year towards the exploitation of new technology within the gas analysis field.

REORGANISATION OF SHARE CAPITAL

The company agreed by special resolution on 4 Octaver 1988 to reclassify 5,000 'A' ordinary shares as 'E' ordinary shares, a new class of share capital.

DIRECTORS

The directors of Servomex International Limited are listed below:

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JR Burton (Chairman and Managing Director)
DR Winrow
FR Tipping
PG Parnell
RF Kydd
RMA Kocache
RM Gordon
P Smitham
CC Gregory (appointed 22 February 1989)
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The directors and their families have the following interests in the ordinary share capital of Servomex International Limited:

Number of ordinary shares

JR Burton DR Winrow PG Parnell RF Kydd RMA Kocache RM Gordon FR Tinning	('A' Ords) ('A' Ords) ('A' Ords) ('A' Ords) ('A' Ords) ('A' Ords)	15,121 5,040 5,040 5,040 5,040 5,040
FR Tipping	('E' Ords) ('A' Ords)	5,040 5,000 40

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Movements in tangible fixed assets during the year are shown in note 10 to the financial statements.

A revaluation of certain of the Group's freehold land and buildings at 31 December 1988 was undertaken by the directors on the basis of appropriate independent professional advice. This valuation resulted in a revaluation surplus of £1,354,000, which has been credited to a seperate reserve.

EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

The Group's policy and practice is to maintain a working environment which gives due regard to the needs of disabled persons. Full and fair consideration is given to applications for employment from the disabled who have appropriate skills, experience or qualifications.

Employees who have become disabled are encouraged, as far as practicable, to continue with their existing work, or are provided with such training as will enable them to take up alternative work with the Group. The training, career development and promotion of a disabled person is, as far as possible, identical to that of a person fortunate enough not to suffer from a disability.

EMPLOYEE INVOLVEMENT

The directors believe in the benefits derived from the creation and maintenance of strong lines of communication within the Group. By means of regular monthly briefing and open discussion sessions, employees are advised and encouraged to ask questions upon a wide range of matters, including the Group's performance and development. Through these meetings, the directors seek to promote employee involvement in an understanding of the factors which impact on the Group's well being.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Price Waterhouse, have expressed their willingness to continue in office and resolutions re-appointing them and authorising the directors to fix their remuneration will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

RM Gordon Secretary

31 March 1989

Price Waterhouse



AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SERVOMEX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (formerly SWIFT 415 LIMITED)

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

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group at 31 December 1988 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the Group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

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Price Waterhouse Chartered Accountants

31 March 1989



CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months ended 31 December 1987 £'000
TURNOVER	2	12,220	5,888
Cost of sales		(5,943)	(<u>2,860</u>)
GROSS PROFIT		6,277	3,028
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating expense		(2,467) (1,802) <u>(77</u>)	(1,295) (1,031) <u>(16</u>)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	1,931	686
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	59 <u>(373</u>)	52 <u>(246</u>)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,617	492
TAXATION	7	(584)	(<u>173</u>)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	8	1,033	319
DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED	9	(232)	(118)
PROFIT TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	17	801	201

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET - 31 DECEMBER 1988

	Notes	Group 1988 £'000	Group 1987 £'000	Company 1988 £'000	Company 1987 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	10	2,337	963	-	-
Investments in subsidiaries	11			3,469	2,287
AUDDENM A COPMO		2,337	963	3,469	2,287
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and	12 13	2,918 2,888	2,519 3,614	4,171	4,758
in hand		887	916		
CREDITORS (amounts		6,693	7,049	4,171	4,758
falling due within one year)	14	(<u>2,691</u>)	(<u>2,921</u>)	(666)	(274)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		4,002	4,128	3,505	4,484
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,339	5,091	6,974	6,771
CREDITORS (amounts falling due after more than					
one year)	14	(2,648)	(3,453)	(2,619)	(3,400)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	15	(58)	(105)		
NET ASSETS		3,633	1,533	4,355	3,371
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				,	
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account Goodwill write off	16 17 17	146 3,225 884	146 3,225 103	146 3,225 984	146 3,225
reserve Revaluation reserve	17 17	(1,976) <u>1,354</u>	(1,941)	-	-
	11/4	3,633	1,533	4,355	3,371

JR BURTON)
RM GORDON) DIRECTORS

Approved by the Board of Mirectors on 31 March 1989. The annexed notes form part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988

SOURCE OF FUNDS	Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months ended 31 December 1987 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Adjustment for items not involving	1,617	492
the movement of funds: Depreciation	273	125
Exchange movements	(20)	(90)
FUNDS GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	1,870	527
FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Issue of ordinary share capital	-	113
Issue of preference share capital	•	3,258
Medium term loan	~ •	3,400
Disposal of tangible fixed assets		14
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	1,872	7,312
APPLICATION OF FUNDS	• •	
Repayment of medium term loam	(381)	-
Dividend paid	(217)	-
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(295)	(100)
Tax paid	(255)	(1,861)
Purchase of Servomex Ltd and Servomex C	Company (35)	(2,287)
Loan to former parent company		(1,622)
	·	
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	(<u>1,183</u>)	(<u>5,870</u>)
NET SOURCE OF FUNDS	689	1,442
THE NET SOURCE OF FUNDS IS REPRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING INCREASE/ (DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL		
Stocks	399	218
Debtors	416	(401)
Creditors	(97)	1,623
(Decrease)/increase in net liquid funds		
Cash at bank and in hand	(29)	2
·	689	1,442

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

The Group prepares its annual financial statements under the historical cost convention, with the exception of certain freehold land and buildings, which are included on an open market basis at 31 December 1988.

(b) Basis of consolidation

The results of the Group's subsidiaries are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition.

(c) Turnover

Turnover represents the value of goods and services invoiced to customers during the year excluding all sales taxes.

(d) Translation of foreign currencies

Transactions arising in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the approximate rates of exchange ruling at the time they arise. Exchange gains and losses are credited or charged to the profit and loss account. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates ruling at the balance sheet date.

The profit and losses of foreign branches and subsidiaries are translated into sterling at the average rates prevailing during the year. Where foreign currency assets and liabilities are covered by forward contracts they are translated at the appropriate forward rate.

D'ifferences arising from the retranslation of opening net assets of subsidiaries are dealt with through reserves.

(e) Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets in equal annual instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Freehold buildings 50 years
Leasehold buildings 5 to 50 years
Plant and equipment 4 to 16 years
Motor vehicles 4 to 5 years

(f) Goodwill

Goodwill is calculated by reference to the surplus of the costs of acquiring the Company's subsidiaries over the fair values of the net assets acquired. Goodwill is written off as it arises to a separate reserve designated for that purpose.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(g) Finance leases

Where fixed assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximately equivalent to ownership (finance leases) the assets are treated as if they has been purchased outright. The corresponding lease commitments are treated as obligations to the lessor. Leasing payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements with the interest charged against revenue. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the estimated useful life of the asset or the lease period, whichever is the lesser.

All other leases are operating leases, the annual rentals of which are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

(h) Fixed asset investments

Fixed assets investments are stated at cost, but are written down to their realisable value if there has been a permanent diminution in their value.

(i) Stocks

Stocks are recorded at the lower of cost (including an appropriate proportion of overheads) and net realisable value.

Cost is calculated on a first in first out basis and represents the expenditure incurred in the normal course of business in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

(j) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided only to the extent that it is considered probable that a liability will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

(k) Research and development

All research and development expenditure is written off in the period in which it is incurred.

(1) Research grants

Research grants receivable from the UK government under approved research projects are credited to the profit and loss account in the period that the grants are confirmed.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

i ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

(m) Pension cost

The Group operates a defined benefits pension scheme. Contributions to the scheme are based on the consulting actuary's recommendations and the related costs are charged to the profit and loss account in the period incurred.

TURNOVER

In the opinion of the Directors the Group operates in one class of business.

Analysis of turnover by geographical markets supplied is as follows:

		Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months to 31 December 1987 £'000
	United Kingdom Continental Europe North America Elsewhere	2,812 3,830 4,306 1,272	1,427 1,901 1,991
	•	12,220	5,888
3	OPERATING PROFIT	Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months to 31 December 1987 £'000
	Is arrived at after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under	248	113
	finance leases	25	12
	Auditors' remuneration	37	33
	Operating lease payments	301	163
	Finance lease charges	9	8

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

4 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The average	weekly	number	of	persons	employed	ру	the	Group	during	the	period
was:											

The average weekty number of bersome cmb	20,20	
was:	1988	1987
	Number	Number
	idamper	
	207	175
Manufacturing and production	35	36
Research and development	94	95
Selling and administration	<u></u>	
	336	306
	And Street, St	2.00
Staff costs (for the persons above):		
Pract Gosta (for the bergoing grant).	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	3,946	2,090
Social security costs	335	164
Other pension costs	130	58_
		0.010
	4,411	2,312
		9 months to
	Year ended	31 December 1987
	31 December 1988	31 December 1907
The directors received the following remuneration:		
Total directors' emoluments (including		
pension contributions)	£298,148	£169,817
beneron concurrence.		
Emoluments of chairman and highest		>
paid director (excluding pension		
contributions)	£56,915	£32,888
		
	-3-3	9 months to
	Year ended	31 December 1987
	31 December 1988	21 December 1301
Number of other directors whose emoluments (excluding pension contributions) are within the following ranges:	•	
	1	1
£5,001 - £10,000	1 -	6
£20,001 ~ £25,000	6	_
£35,001 - £40,000	•	. 1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest receivable reflects income in respect of short term deposits.

6	INTEREST	PAYABLE
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		Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months to 31 December 1987 £'000
	Interest on bank overdrafts Interest on medium term loan	1 <u>372</u>	5 <u>241</u>
		373	246
	Interest is payable in respect of: Borrowings repayable within 5 years Borrowings repayable after more than 5 ye	297 76 373	129 117 246
,	TAXATION	Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months to 31 December 1987 £'000
	Based on the results for the year:		
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 35%	492	170

Overseas taxation Double taxation relief	201 (62)	64 (53)
Deferred taxation credit	631 (47)	181 <u>(8</u>)
	584	174

8 PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD

As permitted by Section 228 (7) of the Companies Act 1985 the profit and loss account of Servomex International Limited is not presented as part of these accounts. The profit after taxation attributable to Servomex International Limited for the period dealt with in the accounts of the Company is £1,216,000. (9 months ended 31 December 1987 - £118,000).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

9 DIVIDENDS PAID AND PROPOSED

In respect of 3,304,594 redeemable cumulative	Year ended 31 December 1988 £'000	9 months to 31 December 1987 £'000
preference shares of lp: Paid at 600% (1 January - 30 June) Proposed at 800% (1 July - 31 December)	99 _133	19 99
	232	118

10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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Cost	Freehold property £'000	Short leasehold <u>property</u> £'000	Plant and equipment £'000	Total £'000
At l January 1988 Additions Disposals Revaluation adjustment Exchange adjustments	309 - 1,290 -	70 33 - - -	2,015 262 (24) - 3	2,394 295 (24) 1,290
At 31 December 1988	1,599	103	2,256	3,958
Depreciation				
At 1 January 1988 Charge for the year Disposals Depreciation on revalued assets Exchange adjustments	61 3 - (64)	12 5 - -	1,358 265 (22) 	1,431 273 (22) (64)
At 31 December 1988	_	17	1,604	1,621
Net book values				-
At 31 December 1988	1,599	86	652	2,337
At 31 December 1987	248	58	657	963
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Certain freehold land and buildings were professionally valued at 31 December 1988 by St John Vaughan, Estate Agents, Surveyors, Auctioneers and Valuers. This valuation has been incorporated in the financial statements with effect from 31 December 1988. The historical cost net book value of the revalued assets was £231,000 at 31 December 1988.

Included in plant and equipment are assets held under finance leases with a net book value of £58,605 (31 December 1987 £83,190).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

11 INVESTMENTS IN SUBSDIARIES

At 1 January 1988	2,287
Reclassification of loan to Sybron Corporation	1,147
Additional costs of acquiring Servomex Limited	35
At 31 December 1988	3,469

The Company's subsidiaries, which are wholly owned, are listed below:

Incorporated in

£'000

Servomex Limited			England
Servomex Company	United	States	of America
Servomex Overseas Limited			England
Servomex (UK) Limited			England

12 STOCKS

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	1988	1987	1988	1987
	£'000	£ 1000	£ 000	£'000
Raw materials and				
consumables	588	755	-	~-
Work in progress	2,035	1,479	-	-
Finished goods	295	285		
	2,918	2,519	_	-

In the opinion of the directors the replacement cost of the Group's stocks does not differ significantly from the amount at which they are stated in the balance sheet.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

13 DEBTORS

	Group 1988 £'000	Group 1987 £'000	Company 1988 £'000	Company 1987 £'000
Trade debtors Interest free loan to	2,087	1,715		-
Sybron Corporation	480	1,622	480	1,622
Other debtors	88	145	2	18
Prepayments	233	132	29	_
Taxation recoverable Amounts owed by	_	-	31	_
subsidiaries			3,629	3,118
	2,888	3,614	4,171	4,758

The interest free loan to Sybron Corporation (the previous owner of Servomex Limited) falls to be repaid upon the settlement by the Group of certain liabilities incurred in the normal course of business.

During the year, these liabilities were more precisely determined and the amounts provided by the Group at 31 December 1987 was reduced. In accordance with the agreement under which the Company acquired Servomex Limited, the amount by which these liabilities were previously over-provided has been deducted from the Company's interest free loan to Sybron Corporation, and reclassified as cost of investment in Servomex Limited.

The Group's debtors are recoverable within one year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

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14	CREDITORS

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	Group 1988 £ 000	Group 1987 £'000	Company 1988 £'000	Company 1987 £'000
Amounts falling due within one year:		-		
Medium term loan	400	-	400	-
Obligations under finance leases	24	23	_	-
Trade creditors	543	503	-	_
Dividends payable	133	118	133	118
Corporation tax	860	1,626	-	26
Taxation and social security	205	128	_	_
Other creditors	263	188	29	-
Accruals and deferred income	263	335	104	130
	2,691	2,921	666	274
Amounts falling due after more than one year:				
arter more than one year:		•		
Obligations under finance leases Payments under medium term loan	29	53	-	_
- Due in 2 - 5 years - Due after more than	2,000	1,750	2,000	1,750
5 years	619	1,650	619	1,650
•	2,648	3,453	2,619	3,400

The medium term loan is secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets and undertaking of the Company's subsidiaries.

15 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Provisions for liabilities and charges comprise deferred taxation:

Deferred taxation:	Group 1988 £'000	Group 1987 £'000	Company 1988 £'000	1987 £ 000
At I January 1988 Provided at acquisition of subsidiaries Profit and loss account	105 (47)	113 (8)		- - -
At 31 December 1988	58	105		

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

15 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES (continued)

	Group 1988 £'000	Group 1987 £'000	1988 £'000	Company 1987 £'000
Deferred taxation comprises:		2 300	7 400	2 2 2
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	68 (10)	113 <u>(8</u>)		
	58	105		***

The full potential amount of deferred taxation has been provided.

No provision has been made for corporation tax on any capital gains that might arise on the sale by the Group of its revalued land and buildings, as there is no present intention of disposal.

16 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

(1) Authorised share capital

On 4 October 1988 5,000 of the Company's 'A' ordinary shares were reclassified as 'E' ordinary shares.

After this reclassification the Company's authorised share capital was as follows:

		1988		1987
	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
'A' ordinary shares of £l each	95,000	95	100,000	100
'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	32,304	32	32,304	32
'C' redeemable ordinary shares				
of £l each	29,155	29	29,155	29
'D' redeemable ordinary shares				
of £l each	1,534	2	1,534	2
'E' ordinary shares of fl each	5,000	5	-	-
Preference shares of lp each	3,304,594	33	3,304,594	33
		196		196

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

16 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL (continued)

(2) Issued and fully paid

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		1988		1987
	Number	£'000	Number	£'000
'A' ordinary shares of £l each	45,000	45	50,000	50
'B' ordinary shares of £1 each	32,304	32	32,304	32
'C' redeemable ordinary shares	·		•	
of El each	29,155	29	29,155	29
'D' redeemable ordinary shares	-		•	
of El each	1,534	2	1,534	2
'E' ordinary shares of El each	5,000	5	_	
Preference shares of lp each	3,304,594	33	3,304,594	33
		146		146

The preference shares were issued at a premium of 99p per share.

(3) Radeemable ordinary shares

The Company's "A", "B" and "E" ordinary shares and "C" and "D" redeemable ordinary shares rank pari passu, with the principal exception that a percentage of the "C" and "D" redeemable ordinary shares falls to be redeemed at par in the event of the admission of any of the Company's ordinary shares to any recognised Stock Exchange ("flotation") prior to 30 June 1990. The percentage of the redeemable ordinary shares to be so redeemed will be determined by the date of flotation and the market capitalisation achieved.

Immediately prior to listing or (if flotation has not occured before 1 July 1990) on 1 July 1990, each "C" or "D" redeemable ordinary share that has not been redeemed under the arrangements referred to above will be converted into one "B" Ordinary share.

(4) Preference shares

The preference shares, which rank in priority both as regards income and capital above any other class of share, bear the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend at the following rates (net of tax credit) on the nominal amount of capital:

- * 600% from date of issue to 30 June 1988
- * 800% from 1 July 1988 to 30 June 1991
- * 1,100% from 1 July 1991 and after

The preference shares fall for redemption at a premium of 99p per share in stages during the period 1992 - 1998 or at flotation, if earlier.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

17 RESERVES

Group	Share Premium account £'000	Profit and loss account	Goodwill write off reserve £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000
Balance at 1 January 1988 Retained profit	3,225	103 801	(1,941)	-
Revaluation of land and	_	~		1,354
buildings Acquisition costs	-	-	(1,182)	
Provisions released	•••	(20)	1,147	
Exchange movements		<u>(20</u>)		
Balance at 31 December 1988	3,225	884	(1,976)	1,354

Acquisition costs reflect additional costs incurred in acquiring Servomex Limited. The provisions were made at acquisition in the accounts of Servomex Limited but have proved to be surplus to requirements.

Company	Share P <i>rem</i> lum	Profit and loss
	account	account
	E* 000	£' 000
Balance at 1 January 1988	3,225	
Retained profit		984
Balance at 31 December 1988	3,225	984
•		•
18 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS		
	1988 E'000	1987 £'000
	£.000	1.000
Capital expenditure authorised but not	60	28
contracted for		-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1988 (continued)

19 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 December 1988 the Group had the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases:

	Land and b 1988 £'000	uildings 1987 £'000	1988 £'000	Other 1987 £'000
Expiring within one year Expiring between two and five years Expiring in five years . more	33	2	17	30
	-	43	140	94
	144	86		
	177	131	157	124

20 OBLIGATIONS UNDER FINANCE LEASES

At 31 December 1988 the Group had the following commitments under finance leases, excluding future interest charges:

	88 <u>43</u> 00013	987
Payable within I year Payable in 2 - 5 years	24 29	23 53
	53	76

21 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 December 1988 the Group had contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees to third parties and discounted bills of exchange amounting to £64,944 (31 December 1987 - £126,798).

22 PENSION SCHEME FUNDING

An actuarial valuation of the Group's pension scheme was undertaken as at 31 May 1987 by Cubie, Wood & Co Ltd, Actuaries. This valuation concluded that there was adequate funding to meet the liabilities of the scheme.