DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS HOUSE

10 JUN 1992
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990

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(Registered in England, Number 2052152)

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Review of the business

The principal activity of the group is the recycling and trading of ferrous and non-ferrous metals, the refining of drosses and residues and the manufacture of aluminium ingots.

Results and dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1989: £750 per share).

The results of the group for the year are shown on page 4. Transfers to and from reserves are shown on page 5.

Fixed assets

Details of changes in tangible fixed assets are given in note 10 to the accounts. The group's properties were revalued at 31st December 1990, the deficit on revaluation £ 2786,219 being debited to the revaluation reserve.

Directors

The directors set out below held office during the year unless otherwise stated. The interests of the directors holding office on 31st December 1990 in the shares of the company, were as shown below:

> **Ordinary** shares of £1 each 1990 and 1989

> > 40

J.M. Wardle (resigned 20th June 1990)

P.D. Bevan

M.F. Bevan

In accordance with the articles of association, all the directors retire and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Post balance sheet event

On 1st January 1991 the company purchased the tangible fixed assets and stocks of its subsidiary company, Heart of England Compounding Limited, for their net book value at 31st December 1990 which amounted to £20,050 and £42,453 respectively.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

Auditors

During the year Neville Russell resigned as auditors of the company and KPMG Peat Marwick were appointed in their place. In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Peat Marwick is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 31st December 1991 and signed on its behalf by:

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Secretary

Fairforal Works, Marsh Lane, Water Orton, Birmingham. B46 1NS

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS, KPMG PEAT MARWICK, TO THE MEMBERS OF FLEXDART LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 22 in accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group at 31st December 1990 and of loss and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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31st December 1991

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990

	Note	1990 £	1989 £
Turnever Cost of sales	2	14,712,096 (13,206,788)	18,884,529 (17,114,734)
Gross profit		1,505,308	1,769,795
Distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating income		(824,618) (581,513) 12,060	(460,308) (505,650) 9,823
Operating profit		111,237	813,660
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges Exceptional items	3 4	85,269 (307,063) (265,917)	4,996 (256,196) (301,316)
(Loss)/profit on ordina_y activities before taxation	4	(376, 474)	261,144
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	7	(53,801)	(138,224)
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation		(430,275)	122,920
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities attributable to minority interests		(3,955)	4,055
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities after taxation and before extraordinary item		(434,230)	126,975
Extraordinary item	8	(140,907)	
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(575, 137)	126,975
Dividend	9	-	(75,000)
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	18	(575, 137)	51,975

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FLEXDART LIMITED

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

			1990		1989	
	Note	£	£	£	£	
Statement of retained profits						
Retained (loss)/profit for the year			(575,137)		51,975	
Retained profit at beginning of year As previously reported Prior year adjustments	19	616,280 37,835		553,157		
As restated			654,115		553,157	
Revaluation reserve transfer	18		156,757		48,983	
Retained profit at end of year			235,735	•	654,115	

BALANCE SHEETS

AT 31st DECEMBER 1990

	Note	1990 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets	10	2,997,770	3,356,965	2,810,673	2,786,702
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	11	-		647,493	647,493
		2,997,770	3,356,965	3,458,166	3,434,195
Current assets					
Stocks	12	567,733	920,255	331,099	348,397
Debtors	13	2,367,986	2,923,080	1,760,685	2,360,107
Asset held for resale	10	204,509	_,,,,	204,509	2,500,107
Cash at bank and in hand		6,162	41,447	5,934	32,050
		3,146,390	3,884,782	2,302,227	2,740,554
Creditors: Amounts falling					
due within one year	14	(4,048,492)	(4,326,442)	(2,466,221)	(2,583,496)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(902, 102)	(441,660)	(163,994)	157,058
Total assets less current					
liabilities		2,095,668	2,915,305	3,294,172	3,591,253
Creditors: Amounts falling					
due after more than one year	15	(1,117,168)	(579,404)	(1,755,639)	(1,098,123)
Net assets		978,500	2,335,901	1,538,533	2,493,130
					Transporter, Name of Street, N
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	17	100	100	100	100
Profit and loss account	18	235,735	654,115	493,913	594,972
Other reserves	18	742,665	1,685,641	1,044,520	1,898,058
		978,500	2,339,856	1,538,533	2,493,130
		2.0,000	_,007,000	1,000,000	2,490,100
Minority interests		•	(3,955)	-	-
		978,500	2,335,901	1,538,533	2,493,130
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The accounts were approved by the board of directors on 31st December 1991 and signed on its behalf by:

P.D. Bevan

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M.F. Bevan

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990

	1990 £	1989 £
Source of funds	•	*
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before		
taxation	(376, 474)	261,144
Extraordinary item	(140,907)	-
Adjustments for items not involving the		
movement of funds:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	534,210	276,977
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	43,784	36,427
Funds generated from operations	60,613	574,548
	00,015	374,340
Funds from other sources		
Proceeds on disposal of tangible fixed assets	90,747	37,220
Creditors falling due after more than one year		·
- bank loans - other	362,921	-
- Other	174,843	86,722
	689,124	698,490
Application of funds		
Creditors falling due after more than one year	-	(7,991)
Dividend paid		(75,000)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(1,300,274)	(835,817)
Tax paid	(13 ½, 183)	(272,956)
Decrease in working capital	(7/3,333)	(493,274)
•	(770,555)	(435,274)
Components of decrease in working capital		
Stocks	(352, 522)	(100, 163)
Debtors	(553,776)	(7,422)
Creditors falling due within one year	466,182	(37,099)
	(440, 116)	(144,684)
Movement in net liquid funds:		
Cash at bank and in hand	(35,285)	10 570
Bank loans and overdrafts	(267,932)	10,570 (359,160)
		(339, 100)
	(743,333)	(493, 274)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990

1. Accounting policies

The group accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of land and buildings and certain plant and machinery. The group's accounting policies which conform with applicable Accounting Standards are set out below:

Consolidation

The group accounts include the accounts of the parent company and of its subsidiary undertakings for the year ended 31st December 1990.

The results of subsidiary undertakings acquired during the year are included from the date of acquisition. The results of subsidiary undertakings disposed of during the year are included up to the date of disposal.

A separate profit and loss account dealing with the results of the company has not been presented as permitted by S230(4) of the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts invoiced, excluding value added tax, in respect of the sale of goods and services to customers outside the group.

Depreciation

Deprecation is calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows.

Freehold land	Nil
Freehold buildings	2%
Plant and machinery	20%
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	25%

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that it is probable that liabilities will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Foreign currencies

Assets and inbilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All exchange differences are reported as part of the result for the year.

Leasing

Rentals payable in respect of operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as they fall due.

Assets acquired under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are capitalised and the capital element of the lease rentals is included in creditors. Finance charges are charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding balance.

Pensions

The company and certain of its subsidiary undertakings operate contributory pension schemes which are administered by trustees and are independent of the group's finances. Contributions are paid into the schemes in accordance with the recommendations of independent actuaries who carry out valuations at regular intervals.

2. Turnover

The turnover and pre-tax result for the year are attributable to the principal activity of the group. A geographical analysis of turnover is given below:

		1990 £	1989 £
	U.K. Export	13,150,482 1,561,614	17,024,475 1,860,054
		14,712,096	18,884,529
3.	Interest payable and similar charges		
		1990	1989
	Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts	£	£
	and other loans wholly repayable within five years	206,000	224,804
	Finance lease and hire purchase interest	94,540	31,392
	Other interest	6,514	•
		307,063	256,196

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation 4.

The (loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:

following:	2 0 (
tono, mg.	1990	1000
		1989
	£	£
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	42 70 <i>4</i>	26 427
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (see below)	43,784	36,427
Auditors' remuneration	347,537	276,977
	25,000	17,650
Other operating leases - land and buildings	30,000	30,000
Interest receivable	(85,269)	(4,996)
Exceptional items:		
Bad debts	190,151	-
Accelerated depreciation in subsidiary company	75,766	
s incurred on a one off contract	, ·	263,235
ι of unusable kiln facilities	•	38,081
		55,001
' 42 depreciation above for the way		-
: e3 depreciation charge for the year comprises the		
following:		
Normal charge for the year	0.45 505	
	347,537	276,977
Exceptional item - accelerated depreciation	75,766	-
Charged in arriving at (loss)/profit on ordinary		
activities before taxation	400 000	054 055
donvinos ocioio taxanon	423,303	276,977
Extraordinary item - depreciation charged on		
closure of subsidiary undertaking	440.00	
closure of subsidiary undertaking	110,907	-
Total charge for the year (note 10)	534,210	276,977
g- to: year (note 10)	554,210	270,977
		
Directors' emoluments		
Directors emonuments	4000	
	1990	1989
	£	£
Management services	CO 0.45	F4 405
Fees	69,342	51,690
	1,250	5,000
Pension contributions	2,568	24,236
	73,160	90.006
The employments of the discount of the life	73,100	80,926
The emoluments of the directors (excluding pension		-
contributions) includes amounts paid to:		
The chairman (from 1st January to 20th June 1990)	1,250	5,000
The highest paid director	36,624	30,450

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

5. Directors' emoluments (continued)

The number of directors who received emoluments (excluding pension contributions) in the following ranges were:

	1990 Number	1989 Number
£0 - £5,000 £20,001 - £25,000	1	1
£30,001 - £35,000	•	1
£35,001 - £40,000	1	1
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Transactions:

Ryknild Trading Limited (formerly Beaver Metals Limited) is a company under common ownership with Flexdart Limited. Both M.F. Bevan and P.D. Bevan are directors of Ryknild Trading Limited.

6. Staff costs

	1990 £	1989 £
Wages and salaries	1,144,863	934,170
Social security costs	97,896	80,776
Other pension costs	16,265	23,898
	1,259,024	1,038,844

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year was as follows:

	Number	Number
Management	9	16
Administration	13	11
Works	97	92
Total employees	119	119

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

7.	Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities		
	Based on the (loss)/profit on ordinary activities for the year:		
	·	1996	1989
		£	£
	Corporation tax at 34.25% (1989: 35%)	•	135,666
	Under provision in respect of prior years	53,801	2,558
		53,801	138,224

8.	Extraordinary item		
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1990	1989
		£	£
	Closure costs of subsidiary undertaking:		
	Future property lease costs	30,000	-
	Additional depreciation on closure	110,907	-
		140,907	
		-	
9.	Dividend		

1990 1989 75,000

Final dividend paid of £Nil (1989: £750) per share

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

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10. Tangible fixed assets	•	ommaea)			
(a) Group					
Cost or valuation	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery	Fixtures fittings tools and equipment	i Motor t vehicles	Total
At 1st January 1990 Additions Disposals	2,351,916 662,336	1,126,578 532,208	51,804 23,107	362,928 82,623	3,893,226 1,300,274
Revaluation in year Reclassification as a current asset	(799,296) (214,956)	(158,890)	(3, 129)	(56,314)	(218,333) (799,296)
At 31st December 1990	2,000,000	1,499,896	-	-	(214, 956)
Comprising: Cost		-	71,782	389,237	3,960,915
Valuation 1987 Valuation 1988	-	1, 130, 164 200, 000	71,782	389,237	1,591,183
Valuation 1990	2,000,000	169,732	-	- - -	200,000 169,732 2,000,000
Acommission	2,000,000	1,499,896	71,782	389,237	3,960,915
Accumulated depreciation At 1st January 1990 Charge for the	-	321,504	20.20		
Charge for the year Eliminated on disposals Revaluation in year	23,524	397,675 (54,679)	20,360 13,912 (1,972)	194,397 99,099 (27,151)	536,261 534,210 (83,802)
Reclassification as a current asset	(10,447)	-	-	,	(13,077)
At 31st December 1990		664,500	32,300	265.045	(10,447)
Net book values At 31st December 1990	2,000,000	835,396		266,345	963,145
At 31st December 1989	2,351,916	805,074	39,482	The state of the s	,997,770

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

10. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

(b) Tangible fixed assets held under finance lease or hire purchase contracts

Plant and machinery of the group, included in (a) above, held under finance lease or hire purchase contracts is as follows:

					1990 £	1989 £
	Net book value				576,768	241,196
	Depreciation charged in th	e year			201,916	68,357
(c)	Company	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost or valuation	0 251 016	504 050			
	At 1st January 1990 Additions	2,351,916	521,268	44,518	274,134	3,191,836
	Disposals	662,336	513,235	21,441	62,009	1,259,021
	Revaluation in year Reclassification as a	(799,296)	(52,590)	(3, 129)	(38,800)	(94,519) (799,296)
	current asset	(214,956)	•	-	-	(214,956)
	At 31st December 1990	2,000,000	981,913	62,830	297,343	3,342,086
	Comprising:		****			2,0.2,000
	Cost	-	781,913	62,830	297,343	1,142,086
	Valuation 1987	-	200,000	-		200,000
	Valuation 1990	2,000,000	-	-	-	2,000,000
		2,000,000	981,913	62,830	297,343	3,342,086
	Accumulated depreciation					
	At 1st January 1990	-	230,755	19,197	155,182	405,134
	Charge for the year	23,524	108,776	10,339	73,625	216,264
	Eliminated on disposals	-	(46,039)	(1,972)	(18,450)	(66,461)
	Revaluation in year	(13,077)	-	-		(13,077)
	Reclassification as a	4. 5				, , ,
	current asset	(10,447)	-	-	-	(10,447)
	At 31st December 1990		293,492	27,564	210,357	531,413
	Net book values					
	At 31st December 1990	2,000,000	688,421	35,266	86,986	2,810,673
	At 31st December 1989	2,351,916	290,513	25,321	118,952	2,786,702
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

- 10. Tangible fixed assets (continued)
- (d) Tangible fixed assets held under finance lease or hire purchase contracts

Plant and machinery of the company, included in (c) above, held under finance lease or bue purchase contracts is as follows:

	1990 £	1989 £
Net book value	529,807	123,871
Depreciation charged in the year	55,163	30,382

(e) The amount of land and buildings and plant and machinery included above at valuation determined according to the historical cost accounting rules is as follows:

	Freehold	Group	Tueshald	Company	
	land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	Freehold land and buildings £	Plant and machinery £	
Cost					
At 1st January 1990 and 31st December 1990	613,108	491,000	613,108	321,268	
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1st January 1990 Charge for the year	3,065	315,303 77,238	3,065	180,003 64,254	
At 31st December 1990	3,065	392,541	3,065	244,257	
Net book values		-			
At 31st December 1990	610,043	98,459	610,043	77,011	
	()	Martin Mining	and the state of the	Windows with the	
At 31st December 1989	613,108	175,697	613,108	141,265	

Freehold land and buildings were revalued in September 1991 by qualified chartered surveyors on the basis of the open market value for existing use.

Some plant and machinery in the company and the group was revalued at directors' valuation during 1987 and 1988.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 21st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

(continued)	
Fixed assets - investments in subsidiary undertakings	
Cost	Company
At 1st January and 31st December 1990	2
	1,032,104
Net book value	384,611
At 1st January and 31st December 1990	
1790	647,493
	Fixed assets - investments in subsidiary undertakings Cost At 1st January and 31st December 1990 Provisions for diminution in value At 1st January and 31st December 1990

Details of the company's subsidiary undertakings at 31st December 1990 are as follows:

		are as tollows:			
Name	Country of registration	Nature of trade	Class of shares held	Percentage holding	
Heart of England Compounding Limited	England and Wales	Plastic recycling (note a)	Ordinary	90%	
John Phillips Metals Limited	England and Wales	Metal nurchants and ingot producers	Ordinary	190%	
Beaver Metals (London) Limited, (formerly L.H. Dowling Limited)	England and Wales	Traders in steel coil and tin plate (note b)	Ordinary	100%	
Metallic Extractors Non-Ferrous) Limited	England and Wales	Dormant	Ordinary	100%	
(a) Ceased to trade on 31st Dec	ember 1990				

- (a) Ceased to trade on 31st December 1990
- (b) Commenced trading on 1st January 1991.

12. Stocks

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Raw materials and consumables	1990 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989
	567,733	920,255	331,099	348,397

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENLIED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

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•	3.	Debtors
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15.	Deptors				
		1990	Group 1989	1990	Company 1989
		£	£	£	£
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by subsidiary	2,029,082	2,643,074	1,470,089	1,747,826
	undertakings	-	-	189	381,931
	Ryknild Trading Limited	150,758	154,610	146,444	154,610
	Other debtors	174,046	49,536	136,177	38,720
	Prepayments	14,100	74,542	7,786	37,020
	Corporation tax	-	1,318		-
		2,367,986	2,923,080	1,760,685	2,360,107
		1990 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989 £
		•	_	~	-
	Bank loans and overdrafts	1,963,705	1,695,773	926,663	756,891
	Trade creditors	1,291,757	1,929,260	781,178	1,203,097
	Corporation tax	98,966	153,666	190,541	172,166
	Other taxation and social				•
	security costs	102,165	48,021	50,519	75,602
	Other creditors	59,975	30,223	52,140	20,000
	Amounts due under finance lease and hire purchase				
	contracts	255,432	157,333	249,534	64,526
	Ryknild Trading Limited	-	199,528	-	199,528
	Accruals	276,492	87,638	215,646	66,686
	Advance corporation tax	-	25,000	~	25,000
		4,048,492	4,326,442	2,466,221	2,583,496

The bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company and its subsidiary undertakings.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

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Bank loans	1990 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989 £
Amounts due under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	629,286	266,365	629,286	266,365
Directors' loans Shareholders' loans Loan stock Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	413,882 40,000 20,000 14,000 1,117,168	203,039 40,000 20,000 50,000 - 579,404	404,860 40,000 20,000 14,000 647,493 1,755,639	62,654 40,000 20,000 50,000 659,104 1,098,123

The loan stock is unsecured and bears interest at 8% per annum. It is repayable in tranches of £10,000 per annum from 6th April 1990.

The bank loans bear interest at 1.5% above base rate and are secured by fixed and floating charges over the assets of the company and its subsidiary undertakings.

Bank loans are payable as tollows:

Between one and two years	1999 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989 £
Between two and five years Over five years	32,520 197,560 399,206	25,574 104,940 135,851	32,520 197,560 399,206	25,574 104,940 135,851
A	629,286	266,365	629,286	266,365

Amounts due under finance lease and hire purchase contracts are wholly repayable within five

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Between one and two years	1990 £	Group 1989 £	1990 £	Company 1989 £
Between two and five years	186,481 227,401	157,333 45,706	180,583 224,277	62,654
	413,882	203,039	404,860	62,654

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 1990 (continued)

16. Provisions for liabilities and charges

Deferred taxation:

The unprovided potential liability of the company and the group is as follows:

	The unprovided potential hability of the company and the group is as follows:				
				1990 £	1989 £
	Excess of tax allowances over depreciation Property revaluation	on		370,000	(2,000) 665,000
				370,000	663,000
17.	Share capital				
				1990 £	1989 £
	Authorised: Ordinary shares of £1 each			1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid: Ordinary shares of £1 each			100	100
18.	Reserves				
		Profit	Group	Profit	Company
		and loss	Revaluation	and less	Revaluation
		account £	reserve £	account £	reserve E
	At 31st December 1989 Prior year adjustments (note 19)	616,280 37,835	1,685,641	522,234 72,738	1,898,1
	At 31st December 1989 as restated	654,115	1,685,641	594,972	1,898,058
	Retained loss for the financial year Deficit on revaluation of properties	(575,137)	-	(163,378)	-
	in year Transfer	156,757	(786,219) (156,757)	67,319	(786,219) (67,319)
	At 31st December 1990	235,735	742,665	493,913	1,044,520

The cumulative goodwill written off is £312,771 (1990: £312,771).

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19. Prior year adjustments

The accounts of the prior year have been restated to reflect the correction of the errors referred to below, in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 6.

	Understatement of profits arising on metal of	dealing and		Group £	Company £
	amounts due from a company under common ownership Overstatement of value of stocks in subsidiary undertaking			111,904	111,904
				(53,403)	-
				58,501	111,904
	Less: sporation tax thereon			(20,666)	(39, 166)
				37,835	72,738
20.	Financial commitments				
(a)	Capital commitments				
		1990 £	Group 1989	1990	Company 1989
	Capital expenditure for which contracts have been placed but which has not been provided for in these accounts	39,670	£ Nil	£ 39,670	£ Nil
	Capital expenditure authorised by the directors but for which contracts had not been placed at 31st December 1990	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	•			4 141	7.411

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20. Financial commitments (continued)

(b) Obligations under operating leases

At 31st December 1990 the group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	Land and buildings £	Other £	Total £
Leases which expire:	30,000		30,000
In less than one year Between two and five years	50,000	12,000	12,000
	30,000	12,000	42,000

21. Pensions

The group operates three defined contribution pension scnemes. The assets of each scheme are held separately from those of the group in independently administered funds. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the group to the funds and amounted to £16,265 (1989: £23,898). Contributions to the funds vary from time to time within limits specified by the actuary. The maximum contribution is that required to provide the Inland Revenue maximum benefits.

22. Contingent liabilities

The company is party to composite banking arrangements with certain other group companies and companies under common ownership. These companies are as follows:

Group companies:
Heart of England Compounding Limited
John Phillips Metals Limited
Beaver Metals (London) Limited
Metallic Extractors (Non-Ferrous) Limited

Companies under common ownership: Ryknild Trading Limited

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22. Contingent liabilities (continued)

The bank arrangements are such that the bank has a right of set-off in respect of the current accounts of the company and the above companies. In addition, these companies are party to an unlimited multilateral guarantee given to the bank in respect of all bank borrowings (including the bank borrowings of two additional common ownership companies, namely Rowmill Metal Alloys Limited and Beaver Leisure Services Limited) giving rise to a contingent liability at 31st December 1990 of £Nil in respect of the group and £409,455 in respect of the company. The multilateral guarantee is secured by a fixed charge over certain assets and a floating charge over the whole of the assets and undertaking of the company and its subsidiary undertakings.

The directors are of the opinion that the bank facilities are adequate for the above companies foreseeable requirements. Accordingly, the accounts of the company do not include any provision for any liability in respect of the guarantee.

23. Post balance sheet event

On 1st January 1991 the company purchased the tangible fixed assets and stocks of its subsidiary company, Heart of England Compounding Limited, for their net book value at 31st December 1990 which amounted to £20,050 and £42,453 respectively.