REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Birmingham International Airport plc

FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 1992 TO 31 MARCH 1993



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DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors during the period were as follows:

Sir Stanley Yapp, (Chairman)

D.G. Lewis, OBE, (Deputy Chairman)

R.R. Taylor, OBE DL, (Managing Director)

B. Summers

S.H. Greenwood

A.V. Watson

R.S. Badham, (Resigned 22 July 1992)

J.D. Berry

P. Bradley, (Appointed 27 May 1992. Resigned 26 May 1993)

D M Caunt, (Appointed 27 May 1992. Resigned 22 July 1992)

F.J. Chapman

R.J.H. Collins, (Appointed 27 May 1993)

F.J. Grattidge, (Resigned 24 March 1993)

F. S. Hunt, (Resigned 27 May 1992. Reappointed 22 July 1992)

M.S. Jaspai, (Resigned 27 May 1992)

B.D. John, (Resigned 27 May 1992)

S.S. Josan

F. Mitchell

R Swatman, (Appointed 26 May 1993)

The composition of the Board of directors is in compliance with the Company's Articles of Association; four directors being employees of the Company (R.R. Taylor, B. Summers, A.V. Watson and S.H. Greenwood) with the remainder being nominated by the Company's Shareholders.

No director holds any interest in the share capital of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

Over the last year the Group has reviewed and consolidated its employment policies to provide equal opportunities irrespective of sex, race, religion, age or marital status. It is the Group's policy to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment made by disabled persons and where practicable, provision is made for their special needs. The opportunities available for training and promotion of employees apply equally to disabled persons. If existing employees become disabled every effort is made to ensure their continued employment.

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION

The Group recognises the key role of its employees in the delivery of its objectives. Employee contribution is, therefore, one of the factors identified as critical to the achievement of the Company's Mission to become "the best regional airport in Europe". As a result of this a People Plan has now been prepared to support and complement our Business Plan through the development and involvement of our workforce.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 1993.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Group profit for the year after taxation amounted to £3.776 million. This enables the dividend on the £5.283 million 6³/₄% Preference Shares to be paid. The directors propose a final dividend of 32p per ordinary share, giving a total for the year of 332p per ordinary share, taking the total dividends for the period to £9.127 million. The directors propose that £0.679 million of retained profit be appropriated to a capital development reserve and that the balance of £0.341 million be retained.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Group are the operation and management of Birmingham International Airport and the provision of facilities and services associated therewith. A review of the activities and prospects of the Group is given on pages * to *.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

In April 1993 the Company announced two studies into the long term development of the Airport, an airfield capability study and a terminal capacity study. The former will examine the need for runway and taxiway development in order to accommodate the anticipated demands placed on them by the forecast growth in volume. The latter will address terminal capacity demands arising from such growth and will incorporate other transport infrastructure development requirements.

In the shorter term, the Company is examining options to increase both airside passenger lounge capacity and baggage reclaim facilities.

FIXED ASSETS

Movements in the fixed assets of the Group, since 1 April 1992 are set out in note 9 on page *.

MARKET VALUE OF LAND AND BUILDINGS

In the opinion of the directors, the market value of the Group's properties exceeds their net book value.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION (continued)

Customer satisfaction continues to be a key measure of employee contribution. It is only through harnessing our employees' commitment and potential, that we are able to deliver the levels of service excellence to which we aspire. Thus, the development of communication and training strategies by consultation with our employees and their representatives is an essential element of our People Plan.

In addition, we will seek to increase levels of productivity and efficiency through the constant review of processes, structures and resources in order to contain costs and increase ownership of service quality at all levels within the organisation.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

During the year the Company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and senior officers, as permitted by section 310 (3) of the Companies Act 1985.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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During the year the Group made charitable contributions totalling £19,000. No contributions have been made for political purposes.

AUDITORS

Ernst & Young have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted at the annual general meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

C.J.C. WESTWOOD Company Secretary

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26 May 1993

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

To The Members of Birmingham International Airport plc.

We have audited the accounts on the attached pages 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 of the Group at 31 March 1993 and of the profit and cashflows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

We also report on the schedule overleaf, in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts Conditions issued by the Civil Aviation Authority under Section 41(1) of the Airports Act 1986. In our opinion, the schedule presents fairly the information set forth thereon and is in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts Conditions.

ERNST & YOUNG CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS REGISTERED AUDITOR BIRMINGHAM

26 May 1993

ECONOMIC REGULATION

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The Company is subject to economic regulation under the Airport's Act 1986 which requires the Airport to hold pennission from the Civil Aviation Authority to levy airport charges.

From 1 April 1988 the operational activities are required to be allocated between airport charges levied in connection with the landing, parking and taking-off of aircraft (including passenger related charges) and other operational income.

All revenue and costs arising from non-operational activities, such as items where the income is not primarily from airport users, is required to be shown in a separate category.

The following have been quantified by means of apportioning the use of the Airport's accommodation and services.

AIRPORT OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES	£000	£000
AIRPORT CHARGES: Revenue Costs	28,309 28,167	142
OTHER INCOME: Revenue Costs	18,549 15,186	3,363
NON OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
The Company has no such activities under the Ac	ct.	
Company profit for the period		3,505
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Unless specified elsewhere in these notes, the Company received no preferential treatment or financial support from any associated person or organisation during the period of these accounts.

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 March 1993

	<u>Notes</u>	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
TURNOVER Operating costs	2	46,858 40,335	43,012 37,818
NET OPERATING PROFIT	3	6,523	5,194
Interest receivable Interest payable Income less losses from interests in associated	6	1,337 (2,832)	360 (1,212)
undertakings Preference dividends from associated undertakings		(252) 300	202
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFO TAXATION	RE	5,076	4,544
Taxation	7	1,300	1,900
PROFIT ON ORDIARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	3b	3,776	2,644
RETAINED PROFIT BROUGHT FORWARD		6,371	7,514
		10,147	10,158
Dividends	8	9,127	1,624
		1,020	8,534
APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT RESERVE	18	679	608
RETAINED PROFIT CARRIED FORWARD		341	7,926
EARNINGS PER SHARE		130p	86.6p

The notes on pages * to * form part of these accounts

^{*} For page numbers see printed report.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 1993

	Notes	19	oup 193 100	19	npany 1992 1000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	9 10		102,035 9,059		100,506 9,660
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	11 12a	316 8,840 12,500		350 7,328 12,828	
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year NET CURRENT ASSETS	13	21,656 20,584	1,072	20,506 11,140	9,366
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABI	ILITIES		112,166		119,532
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	25,561		26,035	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CH Deferred taxation liability Land Compensation Act claims	HARGES 15 16	95 386	26,042	73 394	26,502
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Share capital Share premium Capital reserve	17		7,925 46,834		93,030 ====== 7,925 15,834
Capital development reserve Profit and loss account	18		28,193 2,831 341		28,193 2,152 7,926
			86,124		93,030

SIR STANLEY YAPP, Chairman

STEPHEN GREENWOOD, Finance Director

26 May 1993

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 1993

	Notes		<u>93</u> 00		<u>197</u> 100
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SIR STANLEY YAPP, Chairman

STEPHEN GREENWOOD, Finance Director ...

26 May 1993

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31 March 1993

1	<u>Notes</u>		Group 1993 £000		<u>9any</u> 9 <u>2</u> 90
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	3c	,	12,969		12,757
RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND SERVING OF FINANCE Dividends paid Interest paid Interest received Finance lease interest paid		(1,624) (1,973) 1,263 (147)		(2,047) (1,046) 576 (208)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		<u></u>	(2,481)	**************************************	(2,725)
TAXATION UK Corporation Tax paid			(914)		(3,842)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of property, plant & equipment Land Compensation Act payments Proceeds of disposal of fixed assets Investments in associates Long term deposits		(9,127) (8) 3 (1,416)		(10,291) (39) 9 (1,979) (6,000)	8
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3	-	(10,548)		(18,300)
NET CASH OUTFLOW BEFORE FINANCE	NG	(974)	=====	(12,110)	:=====
FINANCING Principal repayments of finance lease obligation New loans (Decrease)/increase in cash and cash	s 12b		482 -		445 (17,000)
equivalents			(1,456)		4,445
			(974) =====	=	(12,110)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The Group accounts consolidate the accounts of Birmingham International Airport plc and its subsidiary undertaking drawn up to 31 March 1993. No profit and loss account is presented for Birmingham International Airport plc as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985. As this year is the first year of the consolidation, the 1992 comparative figures show the Company position. Undertakings, other than subsidiary undertakings, in which the Group has an investment representing not less than 20% of the voting rights and over which it exerts significant influence are treated as associated undertakings. The Group L. counts include the appropriate share of these undertakings' results and reserves based on audited accounts to 31 March 1993.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than land, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset evenly over its expected useful life. The principal useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	
Other works	
Runways and aprons	
Plant and equipment	
Motor vehicles	

between 5 and 40 years between 7 and 30 years between 10 and 25 years between 2 and 25 years between 4 and 10 years

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STORES

Stores of consumable items are valued at the lower of purchase cost and estimated realisable value.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation is provided, using the liability method, on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the foreseeable future, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable. Advance Corporation Tax which is expected to be recoverable in the future is deducted from the deferred taxation balance.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

LEASING COMMITMENTS

Assets obtained under finance lease contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over the shorter of the primary lease period or their useful lives. The interest element of such contracts is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease in proportion to the outstanding balance of repayments.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income on a straight line basis over the lease period.

Payments under contract hire agreements are charged to the Profit and Loss account as incurred.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction.

PENSIONS

The expected cost of pensions in respect of the defined benefit pension scheme in which the Company participates is charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the remaining service lives of the members of the scheme. The pension cost is assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. As in previous years, the charge to the profit and loss account was the actual amount of contributions made by the Company to the scheme. This currently represents the best estimate of regular pension cost as defined by SSAP 24 (see note 23).

2. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the Group's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax. Turnover, profit before tax and loss and net assets all relate to the principal activity of the operation and management of Birmingham International Airport.

	<u>Group</u> <u>1993</u> £000	<u>Company</u> 1992 £000
Gross Aeronautical Income Less: collected on behalf of Euro-Hub (Birmingham) Limited	34,361 4,127	30,410 2,475
Commercial Income and Recharges	30,234 16,624	27,935 15,077
	46,858	43,012

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

3.	NET OPERATING PROFIT	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
a)	The operating profit for the year is stated after charging/(crediting)		
	Auditors' remuneration Audit services Non-audit services Depreciation:	31 44	33 39
	Owned assets Assets held under finance leases Non-eash consideration in investments Operating lease rentals	6,567 305 210	6,133 331 158
	Plant and equipment Rents Concessions	384 (2,467) (8,632)	345 (2,095) (8,203)

- b) The profit dealt with in the accounts of the parent company was £3.505 million.
- c) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
Operating profit Income less losses from interests in associated undertakings	6,271 252	5,194
Depreciation Loss on disposals Deferred income Bad debt provision Decrease/(increase) in stocks (Increase)/decrease in debtors & prepayments Decrease/(increase) in creditors & accruals	6,523 7,082 635 (250) (90) 34 (1,041) 76	5,194 6,622 847 (24) (36) (3) 317 (160)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	12,969	12,757

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

4. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS	~	_
TOTAL CTORS EMOLOWENTS	<u>Group</u> 1993 £000	<u>Company</u> 1992 £000
Emoluments (including pension contributions)	257	197
Emoluments of the Chairman, excluding pension contribut	ions 6	5
Emoluments of the highest paid director, excluding pension contributions	n 81	75
The Chairman ceased to receive emoluments with effect from	om 11 February	1993.
Directors' emoluments, excluding pension contributions, for	ell within the following	lowing
	Number	Number
£NIL £5,000 - £10,000 £40,000 - £45,000 £45,000 - £50,000 £50,000 - £55,000 £55,000 - £60,000	13 1 - 1 1	12 2 1 - 1
£60,000 - £65,000 £75,000 - £80,000 £80,000 - £85,000	1	1
5. STAFF COSTS	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	11,999 944 332	10,815 879 331
	13,275	12,025
The average weekly number of employees during the period comprised	d Number	Number
Operations and security Engineering Terminal services Support services	396 87 95 110	376 79 100 98

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

6.	INTEREST PAYABLE	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
	Charges under finance leases Land Compensation Act claims Bank loans, overdrafts and other loans	222 24	241 32
	Repayable within five years Repayable after five years	1,973 613	327 612
		2,832	1,212
7.	TAXATION	Group 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
	Based on profit for the year Corporation tax at 33% Corporation tax overprovided in previous years	2,300 (1,000)	1,900
		1,300	1,900
8.	DIVIDENDS – COMPANY	1993 £000	<u>1992</u> £000
	Ordinary — Paid at 300p per share (1992: 26p per share) — Proposed at 32p per share Preference — Paid	7,926 845 356	423 845 356
		9,127	1,624

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP

Land and buildings Assets in the							
Cost	Freehold £000	Long <u>Leaschold</u> £000	Other <u>Works</u> £000	Plant and Equipment £000	course of construction £000	Total £000	
At 1 April 1992 Additions WIP Capitalised Disposals	99,794 1,735 1,766 (1,039)	300	23,574 13 296 (4)	35,187 594 5,325 (904)	2,335 6,697 (7,387)	161,190 9,039 - (1,947)	
At 31 March 1993	102,256	300	23,879	40,202	1,645	168,282	
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Depreciation At 1 April 1992 Provided during the year Disposals	30,052 3,083 (622)	<u>-</u> -	11,797 810 (4)	18,835 2,979 (683)		60,684 6,872 (1,309)	
At 31 March 1993	32,513		12,603	21,131		66,247	
Net book value 31 March 1993	69,743	300	11,276	19,071	1,645	102,035	
31 March 1992	69,742	300	11,777	16,352	2,335	100,506	
			<u>,</u>			-	
Included in net book value are the following amounts for assets acquired under finance leases							
31 March 1993	879		ause	1,315		2,194	
31 March 1992	933			1,566		2,499	

£875,781 of the disposals at cost relates to assets demolished in the course of upgrading the passenger terminal in the year. It is the Airport's policy to recognise such events as and when they arise in the normal course of maintaining the comfort and safety of passengers and the efficiency of operations.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - COMPANY

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Cost	Freehold £090	Long <u>Leaschold</u> £000	Other <u>Works</u> £000	Plant and Equipment £000	course of construction	Total £000
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At 31 March 1993	32,513		12,603	21,131	**************************************	66,247
Net book value 31 March 1993	68,170	300	11,276	19,071	1,645	100,462
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Included in net book value are the following amounts for assets acquired under finance leases						
31 March 1993	879	-	-	1,315		2,194
31 March 1992	933	<u></u>	-	1,566		2,499

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

10. INVESTMENTS - SUBSIDIARY AND ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS

Name of Company	Incorporation and Operation	Proportion <u>Holding</u>	Year <u>Held</u>	Nature of End	<u>Business</u>
SUBSIDARY UNDER' First Castle Developments Limited (TCD')	FAKING England 25/1/93	Ordinary Shares	100%	31/3/93	Property Holding Company
ASSOCIATED UNDER Euro-Hub (Birmingham) Limited ('EHB')	RTAKINGS England	Ordinary Shares Preference Shares	25% 28.5%	31/3/93	Terminal Building Operation
Airline Maintenance Birmingham Limited ('AMB')	England	Ordinary Shares	50%	31/3/93	Aircraft Main- tenance
Birmingham Airport Developments Limited ('BADL')	England	Ordinary Shares	50%	5/4/93	Site Develop- ment

There were no material transactions in the books of Birmingham Airport Developments Limited between 31 March 1993 and 5 April 1993.

GROUP ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS	Share of Net Tangible Assets £000
At 1 April 1992	8,105
Share of retained profits less losses of associated undertakings	(252)
Loan injections	1,416
Depreciation of non cash consideration	(210)
Net book value at 31 March 1993	9,059

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

10.	INVESTMENTS	77.070	F1 YD	DANI	4	77077 A Y
	COMPANY	<u>FCD</u> £000	<u>£00?)</u>	BADL £000	<u> £000</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>£000</u>
	Total Investment Share capital Loans Other cash consideration	1,573	6,025 270	1,272 -	- - -	6,025 2,845 270
	Non cash Consideration	1,573	6,295 1,476	1,272		9,140 1,476
	Investment 31 March 1993	1,573	7,771	1,272		10,616
	Investment 31 March 1992	NIL	7,981	1,514 ===±±	165	9,660

First Castle Developments Ltd was acquired for £2 as a subsidiary on 31 March 1993. No statutory accounts have been prepared for this company, as its first accounting reference period will end on 31 March 1994.

11.	DEBTORS	Group &	Company
		<u> 1993</u>	<u> 1992</u>
		£000	£000
	Trade debtors	2,978	3,383
	Other debtors	278	125
	ACT (recoverable after more than one year)	40	55
	Prepayments and accrued income	5,544	3,765
		8,840	7,328
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Accrued income includes dividends due from Associates amounting to £502,469 (1992: £519,467)

12a.	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND	Group & 0 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
	Short term deposits Cash at bank and in hand	<i>6</i> ,500 _	1,672 5,156
	Long Term Deposits	6,500 6,000	6,828 6,000
		12,500	12,828
12b.	MOVEMENT IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN THE GROUP BALANCE SHEET (Decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents including overdrafts	Change 1993 £000 (1,456)	in Year 1992 £000 4,445

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

13.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	Group & <u>1993</u> £000	Company 1992 £000
	Bank Overdraft Obligations under finance leases Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and Social Security Costs Deferred income Accruals Dividends	1,128 493 1,352 2,683 324 916 5,340 8,348	430 1,240 2,334 528 782 4,981 845
14.	CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	Group & 1993	Company 1992 £000
	Bank Loans (unsecured) Other loans Obligations under finance leases Deferred Income	17,000 5,986 1,519 1,056	17,000 5,986 1,969 1,080
		25,561	26,035

The bank loans match the approvals by the Department of Transport for capital expenditure from 1987/88 to 1992/93 and are wholly repayable within 4 years.

The other loan is from Birmingham District Council on behalf of the shareholding districts and was used to finance capital expenditure during 1988/89. Interest is payable at 10¼% per annum The 15 year loan is repayable on 31 March 2004.

15. DEFERRED TAXATION Group & Company

	Provided <u>1993</u> £000	Unprovided <u>1993</u> £000	Provided <u>1992</u> £000	Unprovided 1992 £000
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation Other timing differences	533 (233)	1,437	470 (170)	2,958 -
ACT recoverable	300 (205)	1,437	300 (227)	2,958
	95	1,437	73	2,958

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

16. LAND COMPENSATION ACT

	The Company is required to pay, in relation to major developme under the terms of the Land Compensation Act 1973.	nts, compensation to	property own
	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Group 6 1993 £000	% Company 1992 £000
	At 1 April 1992 Payments during the year	394 (8)	433 (39)
<i>j</i>	At 31 March 1993	386	394
17.	SHARE CAPITAL Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid	Group 6 <u>1993</u> £000	& Company 1992 £000
	2,641,800 Ordinary shares of £1 each 5,283,600 6 3/4% Cumulative preference shares of £1 each	2,642 5,283	2,642 5,283
		7,925	7,925
18.	RESERVES	Company Profit & Loss Do Account 1993 £'000	Group & Company Capital evelopment Reserve 1993
	At 1 April 1992	7,926	2,152
	Appropriation during period		500
	Accrued Interest on accumulated fund		179
	Result for year	(7,601)	_
	Balance at 31 March 1993	325	2,831

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

19.	CAPITAL COMMITMENTS	Group & C 1993 £000	Company 1992 £000
	Amounts contracted but not provided for in the accounts	2,573	3,793
	Amounts authorised by the directors but not contracted	601	1,745
		Marshard Communication	
20.	LEASE COMMITMENTS	Group & C <u>1993</u> £000	Company <u>1992</u> £000
	a. Finance lease obligations Amounts payable Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive After five years	493 1,208 311 2,012	430 1,369 600 2,399
	b. Non-cancellable operating leases Annual commitments under leases which expire Within one year In the second to fifth years inclusive	£000 42 268	£000 22 308 330

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Group has no contingent liabilities.

22. NOISE INSULATION GRANT SCHEME

The Company operates a noise insulation grant scheme for domestic dwellings within defined areas around the Airport. The Company estimates that the future liability under the scheme for the next twelve months amounts to approximately £660,000 (1992: £750,000). The total future commitment under the current schemes at 31 March 1993 amounts to approximately £2.2 million payable over the period 1993/94 to 1995/96.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 March 1993

23. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates a defined benefit pension scheme for permanent employees. The Company is an "admitted body" participant in the West Midlands Metropolitan Authorities Superannuation Fund ("the Fund") administered by Wolverhampton Metropolitan Borough Council. The scheme is operated in accordance with the regulations of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme under the Superannuation Act 1972 as amended.

The scheme is funded by contributions based on pension costs determined by the Fund's independent qualified actuary based on triennial valuations using the projected unit method and are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over members' working lives. The level of contributions in 1992/93 was determined by the Actuary following the triennial valuation as at the 31 March 1989.

The market value of the Fund's investments at 31 March 1993 was £2.1 billion. The main actuarial assumptions applied to the valuation were that the rate of return on investments would be 1.5% per annum more than the rate of salary increase and 3.5% more than the rate of pension increase.