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MITIE GREENCOTE LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

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MITIE GREENCOTE LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2004

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

I D Gordon R McGregor-Smith C Nixon I B Robson W Robson I R Stewart

SECRETARY

C K Ross

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BANKERS

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AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Bristol

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

United Kingdom 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 as at the end of the financial year 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 judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- 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 the system of internal control, safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The principal activity of the company during the year was plastering and refurbishment contracting.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £26,614 (2003: £363,324). The directors recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows:

	2004	2003
	£	£
Ordinary dividends:		
- Final proposed 'A' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 48p) per share	28,789	48,000
- Final proposed 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 8p) per share	12,814	3,560
Transfer (from)/to reserves	(14,989)	311,764
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	26,614	363,324
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On 1 October 2003, MITIE Greencote Limited and MITIE Property Services (North West) Limited merged with MITIE Property Services (North East) Limited to form MITIE Property Services (Northern) Limited. All contracts from that date were undertaken by MITIE Property Services (Northern) Limited. The directors believe the amalgamation of the above companies will benefit the future growth of business within the north of England.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors during the year and subsequently were as follows:

I D Gordon

C Nixon

I B Robson

W Robson

I R Stewart

R McGregor-Smith

(appointed 10 October 2003)

D M Telling

(resigned 7 October 2003)

The beneficial interests of the directors and their families in the share capital of the company at the beginning and end of the year were as follows:

	At 31 March 2004 1p 'B' ordinary shares No.	At 31 March 2003 1p 'B' ordinary shares No.
I D Gordon	900	9,000
C Nixon	1,500	15,000
I B Robson	700	7,000

No other director had an interest in the share capital of the company or any other group company except as disclosed below.

Directors' interests in the share capital of MITIE Group PLC were as follows:

	At 31 March 2004 2.5p Ordinary shares No.	At 31 March 2003 2.5p Ordinary shares No.
C Nixon	94,638	10,952
I B Robson	35,628	
I D Gordon	47.643	_

W Robson, I R Stewart and R McGregor-Smith are directors of MITIE Group PLC, the parent undertaking, and their interests in the share capital of that company are shown in the financial statements of MITIE Group PLC.

No other director had an interest in the share capital of MITIE Group PLC.

Further details of the MITIE Group PLC Share Schemes are given in the accounts of that company.

PAYMENT POLICY

The company's policy is to comply with the terms of payment agreed with a supplier. Where terms are not negotiated, the company endeavours to adhere with the supplier's standard terms. As at 31 March 2004 trade creditors, as a proportion of amounts invoiced from suppliers for the year, represented 3 days (2003: 44 days).

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

EMPLOYEES

The company offers equal opportunities to all applicants for employment whatever their sex, race or religion. Disabled persons are considered for employment, training, career development and promotion on the basis of their attitudes and abilities in common with all employees, providing the disability does not make the particular employment impractical or the employee unable to conform to the stringent regulations which apply to the operations of the company.

The company recognises the importance of good communications and employee relationships. In each company there is a relationship between the Chief Executive of MITIE Group PLC and individual employees in the company. In these conditions, complex consultative procedures are seldom required to ensure that there is an understanding of the purpose of the business and the commercial realities of success. Employees are encouraged to become shareholders through the Savings Related Share Option Scheme.

AUDITORS

On 1 August 2003, Deloitte & Touche, the company's auditors transferred their business to Deloitte & Touche LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The company's consent has been given to treating the appointment of Deloitte & Touche as extending to Deloitte & Touche LLP with effect from 1 August 2003 under the provisions of Section 26(5) of the Companies Act 1989. A resolution to reappoint Deloitte & Touche LLP as the company's auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

R McGregor-Smith

Director

18 January 2005

Deloitte.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

MITIE GREENCOTE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of MITIE Greencote Limited for the year ended 31 March 2004 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and related notes 1 to 20. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and auditing standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report for the above year and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 judgements 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.

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 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Toucher LLP

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Bristol

25 January 2005

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2004

		Continuing opera	
	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
TURNOVER	1	2,262,511	4,603,436
Cost of sales		(1,800,281)	(3,470,885)
GROSS PROFIT		462,230	1,132,551
Administrative expenses		(433,049)	(623,151)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	29,181	509,400
Interest receivable	3	9,875	10,707
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		39,056	520,107
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(12,442)	(156,783)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		26,614	363,324
Dividends	5	(41,603)	(51,560)
RETAINED (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	11	(14,989)	311,764

MITIE GREENCOTE LIMITED

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 March 2004

	2004 £	2003 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	(14,989)	311,764
Total recognised losses and gains in the year Prior period restatement	(14,989) 56,595	311,764
Total recognised gains and losses since last annual report	41,606	311,764

BALANCE SHEET At 31 March 2004

	Notes		2004		2003
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6		-		64,722
CURRENT ASSETS					
Work in progress	7	-		-	
Debtors	8	547,273		957,705	
Cash at bank and in hand		274,690		508,303	
		821,963		1,466,008	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE					
WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	(78,609)		(772,387)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			743,354		693,621
NET ASSETS			743,354		758,343
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SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	10		2,890		2,890
Share premium account	11		44,055		44,055
Profit and loss account	11		696,409		711,398
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	11		743,354		758,343
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Shareholders' funds are represented by:					
Attributable to equity shareholders			741,909		756,898
Attributable to non-equity shareholders			1,445		1,445
			743,354		758,343

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 18 January 2005.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

R McGregor-Smith

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 March 2004

	Notes	2004	2003	3
		£	£	£
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	12	(69,868)	45	52,308
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	:	10,478	1	0,056
Taxation UK corporation tax paid		(174,124)	(5	5 7,9 71)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from disposal of tangible fixed assets		(90,032) 141,493	(48,886) 3,425	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from capital expendit	ure	51,461	(4	15,461)
Equity dividends paid		(51,560)	(1	1,560)
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	13	(233,613)		17,372

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

Accounting developments

The group has adopted Financial Reporting Standard 5 Application Note G during the year as this is the first year for which it is applicable. It is considered appropriate under this Application Note that the group now recognises revenue in respect of its performance under contracts as they progress where, in prior periods, revenue was only recognised on certain contracts for contract work completed in the year. The effect of implementing the Application Note is to decrease the current year profit after tax by £56,595 and decrease turnover by £839,071, decrease the profit after tax in 2003 by £28,720 and decrease turnover by £412,180 and to increase the brought forward reserves at 1 April 2002 by £85,315. Where appropriate, contract work in progress, trade debtors and amounts recoverable on contracts have also been restated in respect of the prior year in order to make them comparable with the classifications being used this year.

Turnover

Turnover represents the total, excluding sales taxes, receivable in respect of goods and services supplied and contract work completed in the year. All turnover arises within the United Kingdom, from the company's principal activity.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment 3 to 10 years Motor vehicles 4 years

Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged against income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Long-term contracts

Amounts recoverable on long-term contracts, which are included in debtors, are stated at the net sales value of the work done less amounts receivable as progress payments on account. Excess progress payments are included in creditors as payments on account. Cumulative costs incurred net of amounts transferred to cost of sales, less provision for contingencies and anticipated future losses on contracts, are included as long-term contract balances in stock.

Profit is recognised on long-term contracts, if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty, by including in the profit and loss account turnover and related costs as contract activity progresses. Turnover is calculated as that proportion of the total contract value which costs incurred to date bear to total expected costs for that contract.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Pension costs

Pension costs represent amounts paid to one of the group's pension schemes. Details of the schemes are given in the financial statements of MITIE Group PLC.

2.	OPERATING PROFIT is stated after charging/(crediting):	2004 £	2003 £
	Depreciation	19,284	27,294
	Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	15,072	16,000
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	2,500	3,000
	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(6,023)	(3,179)
3.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	2004 £	2003 £
	Bank interest Other interest	9,875	10,571 136
		9,875	10,707
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4. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Analysis of charge in year	2004 £	2003 £
United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2003: 30%) Adjustment in respect of prior years	8,930 (532)	156,247
Total current tax (note 4(b))	8,398	156,247
Deferred taxation: Timing differences - origination and reversal Adjustment in respect of prior years	3,511 533	536
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	12,442	156,783

(b) Factors affecting tax charge in year

The tax assessed for the year differs from that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2003: 30%). The differences are as follows:

	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	39,056	520,107
	£	£
Tax at 30% thereon	11,717	156,032
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Other timing differences Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets Prior period adjustments	724 (3,442) (69) - (532)	752 417 - (954)
Current tax charge for the year (note 4(a))	8,398	156,247

(c) Factors affecting future tax charges

The company is not aware of any matters that will materially affect the future tax charge.

DIVIDENDS		2004 £	2003 £
Final equity proposed:		20 700	49.000
1p 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003; 48p) per share		12,814	48,000 3,560
		41,603	51,560
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
Summary	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles	Total £
Cost	~	•	
At 1 April 2003	28,235	119,867	148,102
Additions	12,723	62,088	74,811
Disposals	(16,457)	(39,044)	(55,501)
Transfers in	-	20,875	20,875
Transfers out	(24,501)	(163,786)	(188,287)
At 31 March 2004	-	-	-
Depreciation			-
At 1 April 2003	23,491	59,889	83,380
			19,284
	(16,457)		(47,374)
	-		5,654
Transfers out	(9,572)	(51,372)	(60,944)
At 31 March 2004	-	-	-
Net book value			
At 31 March 2004	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>
At 31 March 2003	4,744	59,978	64,722
	Final equity proposed: 1p 'A' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 48p) per share 1p 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 8p) per share TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS Summary Cost At 1 April 2003 Additions Disposals Transfers in Transfers out At 31 March 2004 Depreciation At 1 April 2003 Charge for the year Disposals Transfers in Transfers out At 31 March 2004 At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004	Final equity proposed: 1p 'A' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 48p) per share 1p 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 8p) per share TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS Summary Office equipment £ Cost At 1 April 2003 At 1 April 2003 Additions 12,723 Disposals (16,457) Transfers in - Transfers out At 31 March 2004 Depreciation At 1 April 2003 At 1 April 2003 Charge for the year Disposals (16,457) Transfers in - Transfers out (24,501) At 31 March 2004 - Depreciation At 1 April 2003 Charge for the year Disposals Transfers out (9,572) At 31 March 2004 - Net book value At 31 March 2004 - Net book value At 31 March 2004	Final equity proposed: 1p 'A' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 48p) per share 1p 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 8p) per share 28,789 1p 'B' ordinary shares 29p (2003: 8p) per share 12,814 41,603 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS Summary Office equipment vehicles £ Cost At 1 April 2003 28,235 119,867 Additions 12,723 62,088 Disposals 1(16,457) (39,044) Transfers in - 20,875 Transfers out (24,501) At 31 March 2004 Depreciation At 1 April 2003 23,491 Charge for the year Disposals (16,457) (30,917) Transfers in - 5,654 Transfers out (9,572) (51,372) At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004 Net book value At 31 March 2004

Capital commitments

At 31 March 2004 the directors had authorised capital expenditure of nil (2003: nil).

7.	WORK IN PROGRESS	2004	2003
		£	£
	Work in progress	-	-

Following the implementation of FRS5 Application Note G, £202,952 of work in progress has been reclassified in the prior year to trade debtors and amounts recoverable on contracts in order to make them comparable with the classifications being used this year. There has been no change to the overall total for current assets as a result of this.

8.	DEBTORS	2004 £	2003 £
	Trade debtors	177,469	717,372
	Amounts recoverable on contracts	-	186,422
	Other debtors	663	19,567
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	354,975	30,300
	Deferred tax asset	· -	4,044
	Corporation tax	14,166	-
		547,273	957,705

There was no deferred tax asset at 31 March 2004 (2003: £4,044). This asset related to negative accelerated capital allowances. The amount charged to the profit and loss account in the year was £4,044 (2003: charge of £536).

Following the implementation of FRS5 Application Note G, £202,952 of work in progress has been reclassified in the prior year to trade debtors and amounts recoverable on contracts in order to make them comparable with the classifications being used this year. There has been no change to the overall total for current assets as a result of this reclassification. An adjustment of £80,850 has been made to amounts recoverable on contracts in 2003 for the effect of the change in policy described in note 1.

9.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2004 £	2003 £
	Payments on account	_	3,016
	Trade creditors	20,110	471,467
	Corporation tax		151,560
	Other taxes and social security costs	4,638	79,032
	Other creditors	<u>~</u>	910
	Accruals and deferred income	12,258	14,842
	Proposed dividend	41,603	51,560
		78,609	772,387

An adjustment of £24,254 has been made to corporation tax in 2003 for the effect of the change in policy described in note 1.

10.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	2004 £	2003 £
	Authorised		
	10,000,000 1p Deferred shares	100,000	100,000
	9,950,000 lp 'A' ordinary shares	99,500	99,500
	50,000 1p 'B' ordinary shares	500	500
		200,000	200,000
		£	£
	Issued, allotted and fully paid		
	144,500 lp Deferred shares	1,445	1,445
	100,000 1p 'A' ordinary shares	1,000	1,000
	44,500 1p 'B' ordinary shares	445	445
		2,890	2,890

Rights attaching to shares

The deferred shares carry no rights except on a return of capital, where after payment of all company's liabilities, the holders of the deferred shares would be entitled to the par value (together with any premium paid on subscription).

The rights attaching to the 'A' and 'B' 1p ordinary shares are as follows:

Income

Dividends are declared on the following basis:

- (i) the profits available for distribution should be applied first in paying to the holders of the 'A' shares a fixed cumulative dividend of 40 pence per 'A' share per annum together with any arrears of such cumulative dividend unpaid from any previous financial year in so far as there is sufficient profit;
- (ii) secondly in paying to the holders of the 'A' and 'B' shares a dividend of such amount as the Board shall decide;
- (iii) thirdly in paying a cumulative dividend to the holders of the 'A' shares one half of the profits of the company available for distribution in each financial year less the amount already paid in respect of the 'A' shares under clause (i) together with any arrears of such cumulative dividend unpaid from any previous financial year insofar as there is sufficient profit remaining after the payment in clause (i); and;
- (iv) fourthly in paying a dividend pari passu to the holders of the 'A' and 'B' shares.

Capital

On a return of capital, the assets of the company will be distributed equally to all ordinary shareholders.

Voting

Each 'A' and 'B' share will carry one vote.

11. COMBINED RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS AND STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS ON RESERVES

		Share capital £	Share premium account	Profit and loss account	2004 Total £	2003 Total
	At 1 April 2003, as previously					
	stated	2,890	44,055	654,803	701,748	361,264
	Prior year adjustment	-	-	56,595	56,595	85,315
	At 1 April 2003	2,890	44,055	711,398	758,343	446,579
	Profit for the financial year	· -	-	26,614	26,614	363,324
	Dividends	-	-	(41,603)	(41,603)	(51,560)
	At 31 March 2004	2,890	44,055	696,409	743,354	758,343
	Operating profit Depreciation charges Profit on disposal of tangible fixed Decrease in work in progress Decrease/(increase) in debtors	assets			29,181 19,284 (6,023) - 419,950	509,400 27,294 (3,179) 294,679 (289,293)
	Decrease in creditors				(532,260)	(86,593)
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from o	perating activ	vities		(69,868)	452,308
13.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN	NET FUNDS		At 1 April 2003 £	Cash flow	At 31 March 2004 £
	Cash at bank and in hand			508,303	(233,613)	274,690

14.	RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT		
	IN NET FUNDS	2004	2003
		£	£
	(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year	(233,613)	347,372
	Net funds at beginning of year	508,303	160,931
	Net funds at end of year	274,690	508,303

15. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

At 31 March 2004 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings amounting to nil (2003: £16,000) expiring after more than five years.

Commitments on behalf of the group undertakings

The company is party with other group undertakings to cross-guarantees of each other's bank overdrafts. As at 31 March 2004, the overall commitment was nil (2003: nil).

16. DIRECTORS

The emoluments of directors of the company were:	2004 £	2003 £
Fees and other emoluments (excluding pension contributions but including benefits-in-kind)	98,242	137,944
	No.	No.
The number of directors who were members of a defined benefit		
pension scheme	3	3
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I R Stewart and R McGregor-Smith are also directors of MITIE Group PLC and their emoluments and pension details are disclosed in the group accounts. It is not practicable to allocate their remuneration between their services as directors of MITIE Greencote Limited and their services as directors of other group companies.

17. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

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

	2004 No.	2003 No.
Site labour	34	66
Administration and management	7	13
	41	79
		
Employment costs	£	£
Wages and salaries	805,029	1,403,353
Social security costs	77,774	123,751
Other pension costs	11,608	21,025
	894,411	1,548,129

18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

MITIE Group PLC is the holder of 100,000 'A' ordinary shares and is a 100% shareholder in MITIE Greencote Limited.

Advantage has been taken of the exemption from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with MITIE Group PLC and companies within the group.

19. PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

The company participates in the MITIE Group PLC Pension Scheme. This is a defined multi-employer scheme, the assets and liabilities of which are held independently from the group. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme and accordingly accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme.

Contributions to the scheme for the period are shown in note 18 and the agreed contribution rate for the next 12 months is 10% (2003: 10%) and 7.5% (2003: 7.5%) for the group and employees respectively.

An updated FRS17 valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2004 indicated that the scheme was 85% funded.

20. PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The directors regard MITIE Group PLC, a company registered in Scotland, as the company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party. MITIE Group PLC is both the smallest and largest group for which group accounts are prepared. Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at the registered office.