Unaudited interim accounts for the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 July 2003

Company number: 2366852



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Company Profit and Loss Account

for the period from 1 January 2003 to 31 July 2003

		Period from 1 January to 31 July 2003
	Note	£m
Turnover		1,203.0
Cost of Sales		(1,062.8)
Gross Profit		140.2
Distribution expenses		(67.0)
Administration expenses		(103.9)
Total operating expenses		(30.7)
Profit on the sale of fixed assets		25.9
Loss on ordinary activities before interest	•	(4.8)
Income from investments		0.1
Net interest receivable/(payable)		12.1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		7.4
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities		(2.4)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		5.0
Income from shares in group undertakings		80.9
Profit for the financial year		85.9
Dividends		_
Retained profit	2	85.9

Recognised gains or losses

There are no recognised gains or losses (2001 £nil) other than the profit for the period.

Balance Sheet

As at 31 July 2003

		31 July 2003
	Note	£m
Fixed assets		
Tangible assets		114.6
Investments subsidiary undertakings		2,476.1
associates other investments		8.5 5.0
_		2,604.2
Current assets		
Stock		71.0
Debtors		369.4
	_	440.4
Creditors (amounts falling due within one year) Overdraft		(561.7)
Borrowings Other creditors		(259.3) (292.2)
Net current liabilities	_	(672.8)
Creditors (amounts falling due after one year) Borrowings		(482.6)
Provisions for liabilities and charges		(47.1)
Net assets	-	1,401.7
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital	1	1,296.6
Share premium	2	13.9
Capital redemption reserve	2	11.0
Profit and loss account	2	80.2
Equity shareholder's funds		1,401.7

The accounts on pages 1 to 3 were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 0ct. 2003 and were signed on its behalf by

Vincent de Rivaz Director

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention on a going concern basis in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards.

The accounts omit items which in the opinion of the directors are not material for the purposes of complying with Section 272(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

Notes to the accounts

1	Called up share capital				N	•
	Authorised:				Number	£m
	Ordinary shares of £0.583 each at 3	1 July 2003			2,228,713,439	1,300.0
	Ordinary shares of £0.50 each at 31	July 2003			300,000,002	150.0
	Total				2,528,713,441	1,450.0
	Allotted and fully paid: At 31 July 2003				2,222,739,164	1,296.6
2	Reconciliation of movement in eq	uity shareholder's fund	is			Equity
			Share	Capital	Profit and	shareholder's
		Share capital	premium	redemption	loss account	funds
		£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
	Balance at 1 January 2003	1,296.6	13.9	11.0	(5.7)	1,315.8
	Retained profit for the period		<u>.</u>	-	85.9	85.9