Company No: 2623872

JBR RECOVERY LIMITED

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1995

HACKER YOUNG
Chartered Accountants



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 August 1995.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Group profit for the year, after taxation amounted to £297422 (1994 - Profit £283904).

The Directors paid interim dividends of £20000 and now recommend payment of final dividends amounting to £138200.

The profit has been added to retained reserves.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Group's principal activity during the year was to provide a waste recovery service to manufacturers, processors and major users of photographic chemicals and materials, whereby their waste products are disposed of in an environmentally - sound and economic manner and valuable material, such as silver, is recovered.

As mentioned last year, the introduction of EC 259/93 in May 1994 caused considerable concern and some disruption to business. Most of these problems have now been successfully overcome.

The import of material from The Netherlands continues to be difficult as a result of the way the Dutch Waste Plan is being interpreted. After considerable discussions with the relevant authorities in the UK, The Netherlands and Brussels, the Company issued a formal complaint to the European Commission claiming that the Dutch Waste Plan is in breach of European legislation.

The Company has been registered with and controlled by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution for many years and JBR moved on to the next stage of its environmental programme with the submission of its application for Integrated Pollution Control on schedule during the year.

FIXED ASSETS

The changes in fixed assets during the year are summarised in the notes to the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

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DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The Directors who held office during the year and their beneficial interests in the share capital of the Company, were as follows:

	At 31.8.95 Ordinary Shares	At 31.8.94 Ordinary Shares
Dr C Phipps Mr R Pendleton Mr S Phipps Mr A Tiley Mr R Punt Mr M Green	30000 140000 - - -	30000 140000 - -

The shares of Mr S Phipps are held by a company controlled by his family. The shares of Mr R Pendleton are held equally by himself and his wife.

SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDINGS

At the date of the report the Company had been notified of the following interest in the issued share capital:-

	'A' Ordinary Share	<u>Cumulative</u> <u>Preference Share</u> <u>Capital</u>
3i Group Plc	120000	160000

EMPLOYEES

Briefing and consultative procedures exist throughout the Company to inform employees on matters of concern to them and to provide opportunities for comment and discussion. The Company encourages the involvement of employees in the Company's performance and to this end continues to operate a profit related pay scheme.

The Company makes every effort to provide the same opportunities to disabled persons as to others and does not discriminate between employees on the grounds of race, ethnic origin or sex. Equal opportunity is given to all job applicants.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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 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 subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

TAXATION STATUS

The Company is a close company within the provisions of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

AUDITORS

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution to re-appoint Hacker Young as auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:

Secretary: M Green

Approved by the Board: 24 NOVEMBER 1995

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

JBR RECOVERY LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 31 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 4 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 affairs of the Company and of the Group as at 31 August 1995 and of the Group's profit and cash flows for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

HACKER YOUNG

Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants
St James Building
79 Oxford Street
Manchester M1 6HT

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1995

	<u>Note</u>		<u>1995</u> £		<u>1994</u> £
TURNOVER Continuing Acquisitions	2		19691969		12569822 632680
			19691969		13202502
Cost of sales			17607994		11567358
GROSS PROFIT			2083975		1635144
Distribution costs Administrative expenses	-	8546 1502903	1511449	8036 1248333	1256369
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS) Continuing businesses Acquisitions	3	572526 -	572526	405199 (26424)	378775
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	(23972) 92344	68372	(18880) 75801	56921
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATI	ON 2		504154		321854
Taxation	7		206732		37950
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	1		297422		283904
Dividends Other appropriations	8 8	158200 1163	159363	119815 1932	121747
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	19		138059		162157
EARNINGS PER SHARE - ORDINARY	9		128.0p		126.8p
- INSTITUTE OF INVESTM AND RESEARCHERS DEFINI		MANAGERS	137.9p		124.6p
STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED	GAINS	S AND LOSSI	<u>1995</u> £		1994 £
Profit for the financial Prior year adjustment (r			138059		162157 -
Total recognised gains a	and lo	osses	138059		162157
The notes on pages 11	to 31	form part	of these	financial st	atements.

HOLDING COMPANY PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1995

	<u>Note</u>		<u>1995</u> £		<u>1994</u> £
TURNOVER	2		17745957		12569822
Cost of sales			15881103		11014037
GROSS PROFIT			1864854		1555785
Administrative expenses			1293911		1183566
OPERATING PROFIT	3		570943		372219
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	(23177) 87683	64506	(18664) 73770	EE106
	_		64506		55106
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATI	on 2		506437		317113
Taxation	7		198856		33209
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION	ı		307581		283904
Dividends	8 8	158200 1163		119815 1932	
Other appropriations	-		159363		121747
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR			148218		162157

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the Company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSS	SES 1995 £	<u>1994</u> £
Profit for the financial year Prior year adjustment (note 24)	148218	162157
Total recognised gains and losses	148218	162157

The notes on pages 11 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

GROUP BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 1995

	<u>Note</u>		<u>1995</u>		199 <u>4</u> £
FIXED ASSETS			_		
Tangible assets	10		1694972		1639697
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock and work in progress	12	2833218		2883992	
Debtors - Due after more than one year	13	379041		386161	
Debtors - Due within one year	14	1233746		595967	
Cash at bank and in hand		173891		57706	
		4619896		3923826	
CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year	15	4858116		4038730	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>.</u>		(238220)		(114904)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1456752		1524793
<u>CREDITORS</u> - Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	492841		679384	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITE AND CHARGES	ES				
Deferred taxation	17	106300	599141	<u>4</u> 7020	726404
			857611		798389
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital			410000		470000 2464
Share premium account Profit and loss account	19 : 19		447611		325925
Shareholders' funds	20		857611		798389
	_			0)	

Shareholders funds comprise £676811 (1994 - £510389) equity interests and £180800 (1994 - £288000) non equity interests.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 November 1995.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors:

R Pendleton, Director

The notes on pages 11 to 31 form part of these financial statements.

HOLDING COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 AUGUST 1995

	<u>Note</u>		<u>1995</u> £		<u>1994</u> £
FIXED ASSETS			2		_
Tangible assets Investments	10 11		1391550 100		1421993
			1391650		1421993
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock and work in progress Debtors - Due after	12	2667912		2769928	
more than one year	13	574041		581161	
Debtors - Due within one year	14	1272096		588187	
Cash at bank and in hand		160318		57605	
		4674367		3996881	
<u>CREDITORS</u> - Amounts falling due within one year	15	4658392		3921098	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			15975		75783
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1407625		1497776
<u>CREDITORS</u> - Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	446172		657108	
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	<u>ES</u>				
Deferred taxation	17	93683	539855	42279	699387
			867770		798389
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	18		410000		470000
Share premium account Profit and loss account	19 19		457770		2464 325925
Shareholders' funds			867770	·	798389

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 1995

	<u>Note</u>		<u> 1995</u>		<u>1994</u>
			£		£
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	26		902686		609798
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	<u>CE</u>				
Interest received Interest paid Dividends paid		25465 (90174) (115015)		13987 (74417) (122788)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS SERVICING OF FINANCE	AND		(179724)		(183218)
TAXATION					
Corporation tax paid (including advance corporation tax)			(38709)		(46526)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Purchase of fixed asse	ts	(290431)		(551701)	
Sales of tangible fixed assets		500		11600	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			(289931)		(540101)
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFL BEFORE FINANCING	OW)		394322		(160047)
FINANCING					
New loans		-		200000	
Net repayment of amounts borrowed		(197615)		(159286)	
Redemption of cumulati preference shares	ve	(80000)		(80000)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING	29		(277615)		(39286)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH EQUIVALENTS	CASH <i>P</i> 27/2		116707		(199333)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Accounting Convention

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

JBR Recovery Limited has adopted Financial Reporting Standard Number 4 (FRS4) - 'Capital Instruments', the objective of which is to ensure that financial statements provide a clear, coherent and consistent treatment of capital instruments.

In accordance with FRS4, non-equity shareholders' funds attributable to preference shareholders are disclosed separately in the 1994 balance sheet.

b Basis of Consolidation

The Group financial statements incorporate the audited results of the holding company and its subsidiary made up to a common accounting date, using the acquisition method of accounting.

c <u>Depreciation</u>

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Short leasehold property ... Evenly over the lease period 10% - 50% on cost 25% on a reducing balance basis Fixtures and fittings ... 10 - 33 1/3% on cost

d Stocks and Work in Progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and the year end 'spot' price of silver. The only exception to this is where an element of work in progress is paid for after the year end at a higher price due to a strengthening in the price of silver. In these circumstances, the amount of the ultimate liability is used in the valuation of work in progress. Cost is defined as raw materials and variable costs, plus an appropriate proportion of overheads.

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1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED -

e Deferred Taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable.

f Finance Leases and Hire Purchase Contracts

Assets obtained under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the Balance Sheet and are depreciated over their expected useful lives.

Interest on finance leases and hire purchase contracts is charged in the Profit and Loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the contract.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to income as incurred.

g <u>Pensions</u>

The Company has an insured defined contribution pension scheme for its present Directors and certain employees.

Contributions to this scheme are recognised in the profit and loss account as they accrue.

h Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction or at a committed forward exchange rate. Exchange differences are included in the operating profit for the year.

2 TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Turnover represents the invoiced amount of goods sold and services provided (stated net of value added tax) during the year.

The turnover and pre-tax profit are attributable to the Group's principal activity within the United Kingdom.

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3 OPERATING PROFIT

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a	This is stated after charging/(crediting):	1995	1994
		£	£
	Directors' remuneration (see b) Auditors' remuneration	312551	285943
	- audit services	16025	15000
	- non audit services	1300	7775
	Depreciation of owned assets	201600	153047
	Depreciation of assets held under		
	finance leases	63860	53383
	Amortisation of goodwill	-	1
	Operating leases - land and buildings	179492	151332
	Operating leases - other assets	13815	9323
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	16796	(1824)
			
			<pre>Company</pre>
		1995	1994
	Directors' remuneration (see b) Auditors' remuneration	1995	1994
		1995 £	1994 £
	Auditors' remuneration	1995 £ 312551	1994 £ 285943
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	1995 £ 312551 14000	1994 £ 285943 13000
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings Operating leases - other assets	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617 13569	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816 9077
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings Operating leases - other assets Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings Operating leases - other assets Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets Exceptional item	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617 13569	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816 9077
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings Operating leases - other assets Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets Exceptional item provision in respect of subsidiary	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617 13569 16796	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816 9077 (1824)
	Auditors' remuneration - audit services - non audit services Depreciation of owned assets Depreciation of assets held under finance leases Operating leases - land and buildings Operating leases - other assets Loss/(profit) on disposal of fixed assets Exceptional item	1995 £ 312551 14000 1300 164373 53408 144617 13569	1994 £ 285943 13000 7775 136338 50383 131816 9077

b <u>Directors' Remuneration</u>

Emoluments of the Directors of JBR Recovery Limited are as follows:

	1995 £	1994 £
Fees Pension contributions Other emoluments	290201 9360 12990	265795 9000 11148
	312551	285943

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3 OPERATING PROFIT - CONTINUED -

b Directors' Remuneration - continued

	1995 £	1994 £
Emoluments of Chairman excluding pension contributions	64750	81982
Emoluments of highest paid Director excluding pension contributions	69741	81982

The emoluments of the Chairman and another related Director were paid to a Company controlled by the family. The emoluments of two other Directors were paid to a business in which they are partners.

Other Directors' emoluments, excluding pension contributions, fell within the following ranges:

	1995 No	1994 No
£10001 - £15000 £25001 - £30000	<u>-</u> 1	<u>1</u> 1
£35001 - £40000	1	_
£45001 - £50000	_	2
£50001 - £55000	2	-
£60001 - £65000	-	1

4 STAFF COSTS - DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

	<u>(</u>	<u>Froup</u>
	1995	1994
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1228908	1057769
Social security costs	97641	88254
Other pension costs	33181	29366
	1359730	1175389
		-

The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up as follows:

	No	No
Production Commercial/administration	44 15	43 16
	59	59

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4 STAFF COSTS - DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES - CONTINUED -

		<u>Hold:</u> 1995 £	ing Company 1994 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	1086811 84295 33181	989862 82106 29366
		1204287	1101334
	The average weekly number of employees during as follows:		was made up
		No	No
	Production	38	39
	Commercial/administration	12	12
		50	51
5	INTEREST RECEIVABLE	1995 £	<u>Group</u> 1994 £
	Bank interest Interest on advanced payments	22037 1935	18433 447
		23972	18880
			ing Company
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Bank interest	21242	18217
	Interest on advanced payments	1935	447
		23177	18664

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6 INTEREST PAYABL	Ε
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6	INTEREST PAYABLE		
			coup
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Silver overdraft interest	5408	1853
	Loan interest	54778	53594
	Finance lease interest	3884	2703
	Hire purchase interest	24030	13763
	Other interest	4244	3888
		92344	75801
		771	
			Company
		1995	1994
		£.	£
	Silver overdraft interest	5408	1853
	Loan interest	54778	53594
	Finance lease interest	1860	1485
	Hire purchase interest	21456	13250
	Other interest	4181	3588
		87683	73770
7	TAXATION	G	coup
		1995	1994
	Based on the results for the year:	£	£
	Corporation tax at 31.54% (1994 - 26.7%)	136656	43572
	Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Underprovision in respect of prior years:	20738	(5622)
	Deferred tax	49338	
		206732	37950
		Holding	7 Company
		1995	1994
	Based on the results for the year:	£	£
	Corporation tax at 31.54% (1994 - 26.7%)	136656	43572
	Transfer to/(from) deferred taxation Underprovision in respect of prior years:	12862	(10363)
	Deferred tax	49338	
		198856	33209

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8	DIVIDENDS AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS		
	Group and Holding Company	1995 £	1994 £
	<u>Dividends</u>	L	£
	Non-equity dividends:		
	Paid 12% Preference	12800	17600
	Proposed 12% Preference	9600	14400
	Equity dividends:		
	<u>Paid</u>		
	'A' Ordinary interim (6p per share)	7200	7200
	Proposed		
	'A' Ordinary final [46.83p per share (1994 - 24.28p)]	48993	29135
	- Ordinary final [46.85p per share (1994 24.28p)]	79607	51480
		158200	119815
	Other Appropriations		
	Non-equity:		
	Amortisation of issue costs on redeemable preference shares	1163	1932

9 <u>EARNINGS PER SHARE</u>

The calculation of earnings per share is based on earnings of £217666 (1994 - £213637) and issued ordinary shares of £170000 (1994 - £170000). The effect on earnings per £1 ordinary share of the issue of shares under option would not be material.

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9 EARNINGS PER SHARE - CONTINUED -

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Calculation of earnings per share:Institute of investment managers and researchers definition.

	Concoli	ldated profit a	fter tax		1995 £ 297422	;	1994 £ 283904
	Less:	Preference div 'A' ordinary d Appropriations	idends ividends	22400 56193 1163	27, 142	32000 36335 1932	
					(79756))	(70267)
		t)/loss on disp Hassets	osal of		16796		(1824)
					234462		211813
	Number	of shares			170000		170000
ı		LE ASSETS					
	Group		Short Leasehold Land and Buildings			Fixtures and Fittings	<u>Total</u> £
	Cost		£	£	£	_	
	At 1 Se Addition Dispose		119192 3615 -	1804599 328460 (30220)	120712 - -	31730 5956 -	2076233 338031 (30220)
	At 31 A	August 1995	122807	2102839	120712	37686	2384044
	Deprec	<u>iation</u>					
		eptember 1994 for the year posals	27035 13316 -	355525 225728 (12924)	3636 <u>4</u> 21087 -	17612 5329 -	436536 265460 (12924)
	At 31 2	August 1995	40351	568329	57451	22941	689072
	Net Bo	ok Value					
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	August 1995	82456	1534510	63261	14745	1694972
	At 31	August 1994	92157	1449074	84348	14118	1639697

The net book value of fixed assets above includes an amount of £346261 in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements.

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10 TANGIBLE ASSETS - CONTINUED -

<u>Holding Company</u>

	Short Leasehold Land and Buildings £	Plant and Machinery £	Motor Vehicles £	Fixtures and Fittings £	<u>Total</u> £
Cost					
At 1 September 1994 Additions Disposals	119192 - -	1569452 200834 (29595)	120712	29464 3300 -	1838820 204134 (29595)
At 31 August 1995	119192	1740691	120712	32764	2013359
<u>Depreciation</u>					
At 1 September 1994 Charge for the year On disposals	27035 13242 -	336230 178923 (12799)	36364 21087 -	17198 4529 -	416827 217781 (12799)
At 31 August 1995	40277	502354	57451	21727	621809
Net Book Value					•
At 31 August 1995	78915	1238337	63261	11037	1391550
At 31 August 1994	92157	1233222	84348	12266	1421993

The net book value of fixed assets above includes an amount of £276100 in respect of assets held under finance leases and hire purchase agreements.

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11 FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS

Holding Company

<u>Subsidiary</u> <u>Undertaking</u>

Investment in subsidiary undertaking

100

Particulars of the subsidiary undertaking which is wholly owned, are as follows:

Name of Subsidiary

Nature of Business

Recoup Metals Limited

Country of Registration Incorporation and Operation

England

12 STOCKS

Stocks comprise:

-	<u>Gr</u>	roup
	1995	1994
	£	£
Raw materials	563782	897507
Work in progress	2161605	1684698
Finished goods and goods for resale	107831	301787
	2833218	2883992
	Holding	Company
	Holding 1995	Company 1994
Raw materials	1995	1994
	1995 £	1994 £
Raw materials Work in progress Finished goods and goods for resale	1995 £ 439204	1994 £ 798013
Work in progress	1995 £ 439204 2151205	1994 £ 798013 1684698

The Directors are of the opinion that the replacement cost of stock is not materially different from the book value.

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12	DEBTORS	_	FALLING	DITE	AFTER	MORE	THAN	ONE	YEAR
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13	DEBTORS - FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
		995 £	coup 1994 £
	Silver advance to customer (see creditors - Silver overdraft)	379041	386161
	Silver advance to customer (see creditors - Silver overdraft) Amounts owed by group undertaking	Holding 1995 £ 379041 195000 574041	386161 195000 581161
14	DEBTORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	G:	roup
	Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	1995 £ 1145307 2728 85711	1994 £ 496688 14607 84672
		1233746	595967
		<u>Holdin</u> 1995 £	g Company 1994 £
	Amounts owed by group undertaking Trade debtors Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	107714 1085594 800 77988	60830 447580 4117 75660
		1272096	588187

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15 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1995 £	<u>Group</u> 1994 £
Bank overdraft Silver overdraft (see below) Loans (see notes 16 and 25(b)) Obligations under finance leases and	379041 138333	522 386161 98333
hire purchase contracts Trade creditors Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs	91277 3176883 107902 608124	94749 2790144 9955 390415
Other creditors Accruals Proposed dividends	4375 213981 138200	4624 168812 95015
	4858116	4038730
		ng Company
	1995 £	1994 £
Silver overdraft (see below) Loans (see notes 16 and 25(b)) Obligations under finance leases and	379041 138333	386161 98333
hire purchase contracts Trade creditors	72603 3013830	86786 2690094
Orporation tax Other taxes and social security costs	107902 599723	9955 388044
Other creditors Accruals Proposed dividends	4375 204385 138200	4624 162086 95015
	4658392	3921098

The Silver overdraft is used to provide a corresponding silver advance to a customer (see debtors falling due after more than one year).

Security on the silver overdraft is provided by a letter of credit from the Royal Bank of Scotland. The interest on the Silver overdraft is at 2.0% per annum.

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16 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	G:	roup
	1995 £	199 4 £
Loans (see note 25(b))	356668	495001
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	136173	184383
	492841	679384
	Holdin 1995 £	g Company 1994 £
Loans (see note 25(b))	356668	495001
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	89504	162107
	446172	657108
		
		up and g Company 1994 £
Between 1 and 2 years	138333 218335	138333 316668
Between 2 and 5 years In 5 years or more	210333	40000
	356668	495001

Loans repayable by instalments amount to £495001. Loans totalling £440000 are secured by fixed and floating charges over the Company's assets.

Interest is charged on the loans on specific dates, at 3% over the higher of 5% and the 3 month London Interbank operating rate.

At the Balance Sheet date, a second fixed and floating charge exists over a proportion of the Company's assets, which ranks in order of precedence to the one attaching to the loans.

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16 CREDITORS - AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR - CONTINUED -

Finance leases and hire purchase obligations are repayable as follows:

	Group
1995	 1994
£	£
91277	94749
136173	184383
227450	279132
1995	ng Company 1994
	£
	86786
89504	162107
162107	248893
	£ 91277 136173 227450 Holdi 1995 £ 72603 89504

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17 DEFERRED TAXATION

	<u>Group</u> £	
At 1 September 1994 Profit and loss account	70774 70076	
At 31 August 1995	140850	
The deferred taxation balance relates to:	1995 £	1994 £
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation Other timing differences	139583 1267	71354 (580)
	140850	70774
ACT recoverable	(34550)	(23754)
	106300	47020
	olding Comp	any
At 1 September 1994 Profit and loss account	66033 62200	
At 31 August 1995	100000	
	128233	
The deferred taxation balance relates to:	128233 1995 £	1994 £
The deferred taxation balance relates to: Capital allowances in advance of depreciation Other timing differences	1995	
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	1995 £ 126966	£. 66613
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	1995 £ 126966 1267	£ 66613 (580)
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation Other timing differences	1995 £ 126966 1267 128233	£ 66613 (580) 66033

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18 SHARE CAPITAL Group and Holding Company

	· Aut:	horised	Allotted, and Ful	Called Up
	1995 No	1994 No	1995 £	1994 £
'A' Ordinary shares of £1 each Ordinary shares of	120000	120000	120000	120000
£1 each Redeemable cumulative	180000	180000	170000	170000
preference shares of 75p each	400000	400000	120000	180000
	700000	700000	410000	470000

During the year the Company redeemed 80000 75p cumulative preference shares at a premium of twenty five pence per share.

The remaining redeemable cumulative preference shares are redeemable at a premium of twenty five pence per share, as follows:

<u>Date</u>					NO	ΟÍ	Shares	<u>S</u>
31 December	1995						80000	
31 December	1996						80000	

The redeemable preference shares have been categorised as non equity shares as they fulfil the following two of the characteristics cited in Financial Reporting Standard Number 4.

- a) any of the rights of the shares to receive payments (whether in respect of dividends, in respect of redemption or otherwise) are for a limited amount that is not calculated by reference to the Company's assets or profits, or the dividends on any class of equity share;
- b) the shares are redeemable either according to their term, or because the holder or any party other than the issuer, can require their exemption.

The shares have no voting rights attached to them, and upon winding up, the assets of the Company remaining after the payments of its liabilities shall first be applied in paying out to the holders of the preference shares £1 per share together with a sum equal to any arrears or accruals of the preference dividend calculated down to the date of the return of capital.

The Company has granted options to two Directors to subscribe for 5000 £1 ordinary shares at £1.50 per share exercisable either between 18 December 1995 and 18 December 1999 or, at any time if the offer is accepted by shareholders for a majority of the issued share capital of the Company.

The Company has granted options to ten Directors and senior managers to subscribe for 11000 £1 ordinary shares at £5.60 per share exercisable between 20 June 1998 and 20 June 2002.

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19	RESERVES

RESERVES	Gro Profit and Loss Account £	Share Premium Account
At 1 September 1994 Prior year adjustment	325925 (9323)	2464 9323
Restated reserves brought forward Retained profit for the year Other appropriations added back Premium on redemption of preference shares	316602 138059 - (7050)	11787 - 1163 (12950)
At 31 August 1995	447611	_
	Holding C	Company Share
	Profit and Loss Account £	Premium Account
At 1 September 1994 Prior year adjustment	325925 (9323)	2464 9323
Restated reserves brought forward Retained profit for the year Other appropriations added back Premium on redemption of	316602 148218 -	11787 - 1163
preference shares	(7050)	(12950)

20 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

At 31 August 1995

	1995 £	1994 £
Profit attributable to members of the Group Dividends Redemption of preference shares	297422 (158200) (80000)	283904 (119815) (80000)
Net increase in shareholders' funds	59222	84089
Opening shareholders' funds	798389	714300
Closing shareholders' funds	857611	798389

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21 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	(Group
	1995 Ē	1994 £
Contracted for but not provided in the	~	~
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	Nil	Nil
Authorised but not contracted for	60000	17000
	<u>Holdii</u> 1995 £	ng Company 1994 £
Contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	Nil	Nil
Authorised but not contracted for	50000	15000

22 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 August, the Group and the Company had annual commitments under operating leases as follows:

			<u>Group</u>	
			1995	1994
			£	£
Leases expiring i	n over fiv	e years	152542	149333
			<u> Holdir</u>	g Company
			1995	1994
			£	£
Leases expiring i	in over fiv	e years	116042	119333

23 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The Company operates two defined contribution pension schemes. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in independently administered funds. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the funds and amounted to £33181 (1994 - £29366). Contributions totalling £3768 (1994 - £3711) were payable to the fund at the year end and are included in creditors.

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24 PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

1112011 11111 11110001111111	10	0.5
	19	90
	<u>Profit and</u>	<u>Share</u>
	Loss Account	<u>Premium</u>
	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Account</u>
	£	£
Change in accounting policy to		
transfer issue costs on non equity		
shares to comply with Financial		
Reporting Standard Number 4	(9323)	9323

25 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

a) Group and Holding Company

Arms length provision of some goods and services were provided by Prior Court Associates, a company in which two of the Directors are interested as partners.

b) <u>Holding Company</u>

i Included in loans is an amount of £55001 due to Phipps and Company Limited, a company controlled by the family of Dr C Phipps and Mr S Phipps.

The capital and interest are payable under normal commercial terms.

ii Management fees have been paid to companies related to certain of the Directors as disclosed in note 3(b) to the financial statements.

26 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1995 £	1994 £
Operating profit Depreciation charges Amortisation of goodwill Loss/(profit) on disposal of assets Decrease/(increase) in stock Increase in debtors Increase in creditors	572526 265460 - 16796 50774 (639272) 636402	378775 206430 1 (1824) (531746) (58425) 616587
Net cash inflow from operating activities	902686	609798

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27 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS DURING THE YEAR

	1995 £	1994 £
Balance at beginning of year Net cash inflow/(outflow)	5718 4 116 7 07	256517 (199333)
Balance at end of year	173891	57184

28 ANALYSIS OF THE BALANCES OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AS SHOWN IN THE BALANCE SHEET

	Change		
	In Year £	1995 £	1994 £
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	116185 522	173891 -	57706 (522)
	116707	173891	57184

29 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FINANCING DURING THE YEAR

	<u>Loans,</u>	
		<u>Finance Leases</u>
		<u>and</u>
<u>S</u>	hare Capital	<u> Hire Purchase</u>
(inc.	<u>luding Premium)</u>	<u>Contracts</u>
	£	£
Balance at 1 September 1994	472464	872466
Net cash outflow		•
from financing	(62464)	(197615)
Inception of finance leases		
and hire purchase contracts	_	47600
	•	<u> </u>
Balance at 31 August 1995	410000	722451
		

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30 MAJOR NON CASH TRANSACTIONS

During the year the Group entered into finance lease arrangements in respect of assets with a total capital value at the inception of the leases of £47600.

31 SUBSIDIARY CONTRIBUTION TO GROUP CASH FLOW

The subsidiary undertaking during the year contributed the following in respect of the Group's cash flows:

(i)	Net cash inflow from operating activities	115213
(ii)	Net cash outflow from returns on investment and servicing of finance	2926
(iii)	Payments for investing activities	85797
(iv)	Net repayment of amounts borrowed	12496

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