Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the 12 months ended 31 December 1997. The previous accounting period was for the 13 months ended 31 December 1996.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the group are the manufacture and supply of anionic, nonionic and cationic polyacrylamides for use in the mining, paper, water treatment and oilfield industries, and the manufacture and supply of composites and adhesives for use in, primarily, the aerospace and leisure industries.

Business review

In 1995 Cytec Industries UK Limited ceased trading directly with customers and became a toll manufacturer of polyacrylamides. The subsequent results arise wholly from tolling activities.

Cytec Fiberite Limited had an increase in profits caused principally by a large increase in turnover. The aerospace industry has been healthy and it is expected that in the forthcoming year the growth will continue.

Details of the group's results for the period are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5.

Market value of land and buildings

In the opinion of the directors the market value of the land and buildings of the company on an existing use basis is not materially different from the book value of these assets.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The profit for the period retained in the group was £4,359,000 (1996: £3,555,000).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (1996:£Nil).

Research and development

The directors consider that research and development plays a vital role in the group's success. A significant part of the work of the group's technical services and laboratory staff is concentrated in this area.

The group's spending on research and development during the period was £346,000 (1996:£356,000).



Directors' report (continued)

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

JP Cronin (Chairman)

B Brine

RC Smith

resigned 13 February 1997

DM Drillock

EF Jackman

A Cameron

appointed 13 February 1997

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company, or the right to subscribe for shares in the company or another member of the group.

Employees

Good communication is considered essential, and all employees are kept well informed regarding the group's performance and activities. An open style of management is encouraged and employees are given the opportunity to express their views on matters that are likely to affect their interests. Employees are assessed on merit and equal opportunities for promotion and career progression are available to all.

Political and charitable contributions

The holding company made no political or charitable contributions during the period. Details of donations made by subsidiary companies are disclosed in those entities own accounts.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 386 of the Companies Act 1985, the holding company has dispensed with the obligation to re-appoint auditors annually.

By order of the board

B Brine

Director

Abenbury Way Wrexham Industrial Estate Wrexham LL13 9UZ



Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group and of the profit or loss 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 group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps which are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.





St James' Square Manchester M2 6DS

Auditors' report to the members of Cytec UK Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 the company and the group's affairs as at 31 December 1997 and of the profit of the group for the financial year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

3 August 1998



Consolidated profit and loss account for the thirteen months ended 31 December 1997

	Note	12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	41,023 (28,101)	41,883 (29,719)
Gross profit Distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating income		12,922 (316) (7,403) 998	12,164 (335) (7,710) 944
Operating profit Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	3-5 6 7	6,201 1,222 (529)	5,063 1,098 (607)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	6,894 (2,535)	5,554 (1,999)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation and retained profit for the financial period		4,359	3,555

There were no recognised gains or losses other than profit for the period.

A reconciliation of shareholders' funds is shown in note 22 to the financial statements.

The results for the period relate solely to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form part of these financial statements.



Balance sheet at 31 December 1997

		C	Group 31 Decembe		npany	Gro	oup 31 Decemb		pany
	Notes	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets									
Tangible assets	9	11,197		-			8,414		-
Investments	10	-	:	20,400			-		20,400
			-						
			11,197		20,400		8,414		20,400
Current assets									
Stocks	11	3,898		-		3,526		-	
Debtors	12	21,318		362		18,692		189	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,114		10		3,838		10	
		29,330	-	372		26,056	_	199	
Creditors: amounts falling						•			
due within one year	13	(7,900)		(6)	ı	(6,851)		(50)	
Net current assets			21,430		366		19,205		149
Total assets less current liabilities			32,627		20,766		27,619		20,549
Provision for liabilities & charges			(675)		-		-		-
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(8,116)		(8,116)		(8,072)		(8,072)
Accruals and deferred	15						(100)		-
income			(30)		-				
Net assets			23,806		12,650		19,447		12,477
Capital and reserves							====		
Called up share capital	17		10,000		10,000		10.000		10.000
Profit and loss account	18		13,806		2,650		10,000 9,447		10,000
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Shareholders' funds			23,806		12,650		19,447		12,477

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 3 August 1998 and were signed on its behalf by:

B Brine Director

The notes on pages 8 to 19 form part of these financial statements.



Consolidated cash flow statement

for the thirteen months ended 31 December 1997

	Note		nths ended mber 1997 £000		onths ended ember 1996 £000
Operating activities Net cash inflow from operating activities	23		5,911		3,515
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid		1,222 (525)		1,098 (569)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from returns on investments and servicing of finance			697		529
Taxation Tax paid		(2,198)		(1,988)	
Investing activities Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		(4,134)	(2,198)	(1,266)	(1,988)
Net cash outflow from investing activities			(4,134)		(1,244)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) before financing			276		812
Net cash outflow from financing			-		-
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	24		276		812



Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

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

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated accounts include accounts of the company and both of its subsidiaries up to 31 December 1997. No profit and loss account is presented for the company as provided by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Freehold buildings - 2.5% per annum

Plant and machinery - 10% per annum

Fixtures and fittings - 10-20% per annum

Motor vehicles - 20% per annum

Computer equipment - 20% per annum

No depreciation is provided on freehold land and assets in the course of construction.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Government grants

Capital based government grants are included within accruals and deferred income in the balance sheet and credited to trading profit over the estimated useful economic lives of the assets to which they relate.



Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Pensions and other post-retirement benefits

The group operates pension schemes for the majority of its employees, providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the group. Contributions to the schemes are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives of the group.

Research and development expenditure

Expenditure on research and development is written off against profits in the period in which it is incurred.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In determining the cost of raw materials, consumables and goods purchased for resale, the weighted average purchase price is used. For work in progress and finished goods manufactured by the company, cost is taken as production cost, which includes an appropriate proportion of attributable overheads.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the period and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts (excluding value added tax) derived from the provision of goods and services to customers during the period.



Notes (continued)

2	Segmental analysis of turnover		
		12 months ended	13 months ended
		31 December 1997	31 December 1996
	By class of business	€000	£000
	Dy cuisi of ousiness		
	Manufacture and distribution of:		
	Polyacrylamides	16,835	19,418
	Composites and adhesives	24,188	22,465
		41,023	41,883
	By geographical market		
	UK	9,302	7,753
	Europe/Middle East	30,639	32,760
	United States of America	-	-
	Latin America	-	-
	Far East	-	-
	Rest of world	1,082	1,370
		41,023	41,883
3	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		·· ·
		12 months anded	12 months anded
		12 months ended 31 December 1997	13 months ended
		12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	31 December 1996
	Profit on ordinary activities before	31 December 1997	
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated	31 December 1997	31 December 1996
		31 December 1997	31 December 1996
	taxation is stated	31 December 1997	31 December 1996
	taxation is stated after charging Auditors' remuneration: Audit	31 December 1997	31 December 1996
	taxation is stated after charging Auditors' remuneration: Audit Other services	31 December 1997 £000	31 December 1996 £000
	taxation is stated after charging Auditors' remuneration: Audit Other services Depreciation and other amounts written	31 December 1997 £000	31 December 1996 £000
	taxation is stated after charging Auditors' remuneration: Audit Other services Depreciation and other amounts written off owned tangible fixed assets	31 December 1997 £000 31 4 1,283	31 December 1996 £000 30 7 1,275
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Notes (continued)

4 Remuneration of directors

	12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
Directors' emoluments	149	139
		

Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under:

	Number of directors			
	1997	1996		
Defined benefit schemes	3	3		

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the period analysed by category, was as follows:

		Number of employees
	1997	1996
Production	122	118
Sales and distribution	61	61
Management and administration	88	90
Research and development	10	10
	281	279
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:	===	
	1997	1996
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	6,289	6,491
Social security costs	493	531
Other pension costs (see note 21)	526	469
	7,308	7,491
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Notes (continued)

6 Other interest receivable and similar income

		12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
	Bank interest receivable Interest receivable from group	458	186
	undertakings	764	912
		1,222	1,098
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
	Interest payable to group undertakings Net exchange loss	525 4	569 38
		529	607
8	Taxation		
		12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
	UK corporation tax at 31% on the profit for the year on ordinary activities Deferred taxation	2,212	1,999
	Prior year	40	-
	UK corporation tax overprovided Deferred taxation	(43) 326	-
		2,535	1,999
			



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Total	£000	11,963	1,006 (285)	16,818		3,548	1,282	1,006	5,621	11,197	8,415	
Assets in construction	0003	716	(3,632)	1,218			•		'	1,218	716	
Motor vehicles	£000	37	21	28		8	10		18	40	29	
Fixtures and fittings	0003	1,458	(141)	1,317		780	727	(239)	<u>768</u>	550	629	
Plant and machinery	· 0003	6,437	3,420 (285)	9,572		2,309	905	983	3,979	5,593	4,128	
Freehold land and buildings	0003	3,314	1,338	4,652		451	143	262	856	3,796	2,863	
Tangible fixed assets	Group	Cost Opening Additions	Transfer Disposals	Closing	Depreciation	Opening	Charge	Transfer Disposals	Closing	Net book value At 31 December 1997	At 31 December 1996	Company

No tangible fixed assets are held by the company.



Notes (continued)

10	Fixed asset investments
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Fixed asset investments				
		31	l December 1997 £000	31 December 1996 £000
Group The group holds no external investment	nents			
Company				
Cytec Industries UK Limited Cytec Aerospace Limited			11,000 9,400	11,000 9,400
			20,400	20,400
Details of subsidiary undertakings at Holdings Limited.	re set out below.	All subsidiaries	are owned 100%	by Cytec UK
Activity	Company		Country of inc registration	orporation or and principal operation
Manufacture and distribution of polyacrylamides	Cytec Industries	UK Ltd		England
Manufacture and distribution of composites and adhesives	Cytec Fiberite L	td		England
Stocks				
	Group 31 December 1997 £000	Company 31 December 1997 £000	Group 31 December 1996 £000	31 December 1996
Raw materials and consumables Finished goods and goods for resale	3,398 500	-	2,724 802	

3,898

3,526



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Notes (continued)

12 **Debtors**

	Group 31 December 1997 £000	Company 31 December 1997 £000	Group 31 December 1996 £000	Company 31 December 1996 £000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by group	5,230	-	4,722	-
undertakings	15,598	-	13,545	-
Taxation and social security: Corporation tax	-	-	-	189
Other debtors	237	362	220	_
Prepayments and accrued income	186	-	97	_
Deferred tax (see note 16)	67	-	108	-
	21,318	362	18,692	189
The amounts owed by group undertaking comprise:				
Parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings	15,598		13,545	-

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Gı	oup	Com	pany	Gr	oup	Com	pany
	31 De	cember	31 Dec	ember	31 D	ecember	31 De	cember
		1997		1997		1996		1996
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Trade creditors Amounts owed to group	2,741			-	2,453			-
undertakings	795		-		635			44
		3536				3088		
Other creditors including taxation and social security:								
Corporation tax	2,182		_		1,838		_	
Other taxes and								
social security	315		-		255		-	
		2,497		_		2,093		-
Accruals and deferred income		1,867		6		1,670		6
		7,900		6		6,851		50



Notes (continued)

	Group 31 December 1997	Company 31 December 1997	Group 31 December 1996	Company 31 December 1996
Amounts owed to group undertakings comprise: Parent and fellow subsidiary	£000	£000	£000	£000
undertakings	795	-	259	•

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group	Company	Group	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	1997	1997	1996	1996
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Intercompany loan from Cytec Global Holding Inc	8,116	8,116	8,072	8,072

15 Accruals and deferred income

	Group	Company	Group	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	1997	1997	1996	1996
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Government grants				
At beginning of the period	100	-	100	_
Debited to profit and loss account	(70)	-	-	-
	30		100	-

16 Deferred taxation

The amounts provided for deferred taxation and the amounts not provided are set out below:

	Group		Gro	up
	31 Decem	ber 1997	31 Decemi	ber 1996
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and				
capital allowances	440	526	-	883
Other timing differences	(182)	-	(108)	-
	258	526	(108)	883
				



Notes (continued)

17 Called up share capital

. Androninad	31 December 1997 £000	31 December 1996 £000
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid	-	
Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000	10,000

18 Reserves

Group	Company
Profit	Profit
and loss	and loss
account	account
£000	£000
9,447	2,477
4,359	173
13,806	2,650
	Profit and loss account £000

19 Contingent liabilities

A subsidiary of the group, Cytec Fiberite Limited, has guaranteed duty charges to HM Customs and Excise; the maximum liability at the period end was £100,000.

20 Commitments

(i) Capital commitments at the end of the financial period for which no provision has been made.

	Group	Company	Group	Company
	31 December	31 December	31 December	31 December
	1997	1997	1996	1996
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Contracted	1,205	-	741	-



Notes (continued)

(ii) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	Group 31 December 3 1997 £000	Company 1 December 1997 £000	Group 31 December 1996 £000	Company 31 December 1996
Operating leases which expire: Within one year In the second to	102	±000	51	£000
fifth years inclusive	140 242	-	195	

21 Pension scheme

The group operates two pension schemes in the United Kingdom, providing benefits based on final pensionable pay, contributions being charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the group. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the project unit method. Actuarial valuations were undertaken on 1 January 1995 and 1 April 1994. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the return on investments and the rates of increase in salaries and pensions.

Investment return - 9% per annum
Earnings increases - 7-7.5% per annum
Pension increases - 3-4% per annum

At the date of the latest actuarial valuations the market value of the assets of the UK schemes was £5,256,000 and that the actuarial value of those assets represented 106% of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the beginning of the financial period. At 31 December 1997 an accrual of £350,000 (1996: £142,000) is included in creditors being the deficit of the amount funded over the pension cost for the period.

22 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	1997	1996
	£000	£000
Retained profit for the financial period	4,359	3,555
Net addition to shareholders' funds	4,359	3,555
Opening shareholders' funds	19,447	15,892
Closing shareholders' funds	23,806	19,447



Notes (continued)

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23 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash outflow from operating activities

	12 months ended 31 December 1997 £000	13 months ended 31 December 1996 £000
Operating profit Depreciation Net exchange differences (Profit)/loss on disposal of fixed assets (Increase)/decrease in stocks (Increase) in debtors Decrease in creditors Movement in provisions	6,201 1,283 (4) 69 (372) (2,667) 891 510	5,063 1,275 (38) (4) (869) (1,852) (60)
Net cash inflow from operating activities Analysis of changes in net debt during the period	5,911	3,515
Balance at 31 December 1996 Net cash inflow Balance at 31 December 1997	3,838 276 	3,026 812 3,838

25 FRS 8, Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose details regarding transactions with other group undertakings as permitted by FRS8, as the company is a wholly owned subsidiary. The results of the company have been consolidated in the group financial statements which are publicly available.

26 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the company is a member

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Cytec Industries Inc, incorporated in the United States of America. The consolidated accounts of this group are available to the public and may be obtained from Five Garret Mountain Plaza, West Paterson, NJ 07424, USA.

