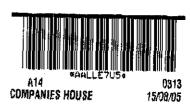
Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2005



REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2005

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

T G Cook

A M Dawson

R McGregor-Smith

T M McLuskie

A J Morton

P F Noble

J Ridley

W Robson

I R Stewart

C J Summers

SECRETARY

C K Ross

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BANKERS

HSBC Bank plc 49 Com Street Bristol BS99 7PP

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche LLP Bristol

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2005.

On 11 June 2004 the company changed its name from MITIE Property Services (Northern) Limited to MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited.

On 1 July 2004 the trades and assets of MITIE Property Services (London) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Scotland) Limited and MITIE Roofing (South East) Limited were amalgamated into MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited. On 1 October 2004 the trades and assets of MITIE Property Services (Midlands) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Southern) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Western) Limited, MITIE Roofing (South West) Limited and MITIE Roofing Services Limited, were amalgamated into MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited.

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 company provides comprehensive property maintenance and refurbishment, painting and decorating and roofing services to the commercial, industrial and public sectors, throughout the United Kingdom.

The company's business has developed satisfactorily and the directors consider that the company is in a good position to continue that development.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £2,957,396 (2004: £392,498). The directors recommend that this amount be dealt with as follows:

	2005 £	2004 £
Ordinary dividends:		
- Final proposed £10.45 (2004: 98p) per share	2,089,424	196,249
Transfer to reserves	867,972	196,249
	2,957,396	392,498
		

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors during the year were as follows:

R McGregor-Smith

P F Noble

W Robson

I R Stewart

T G Cook (appointed 8 October 2004)
A M Dawson (appointed 10 September 2004)
T M McLuskie (appointed 10 September 2004)
A J Morton (appointed 10 September 2004)
J Ridley (appointed 10 September 2004)
C J Summers (appointed 10 September 2004)

M M Carr (resigned 16 August 2004)
A K Falconer (resigned 16 August 2004)
C T Nixon (resigned 16 August 2004)

No director had any interest in the share capital of the company or any other UK group companies at any time during the year, except as disclosed below:

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.

The interests of other directors who were in office at the year end in the share capital of MITIE Group PLC were as follows:

	At 31 March 2005 2.5p Ordinary shares No.	At 1 April 2004* 2.5p Ordinary shares No.
T G Cook	3,159,382	3,659,382
A M Dawson	5,290	2,908
T M McLuskie	258,085	598,085
A J Morton	75,025	95,775
C J Summers	4 <i>76</i> ,504	4 <i>76</i> ,504
J Ridley	88,345	134,577

Share Options

-		Granted							cised		
		At 1 April * 2004	during th Options	e perroa Price	Exer From	cise period To	during th Options	e perioa Price	At 31 March 2005		
			•				•				
A M Dawson	(i)	4,938	1,362	£1.20	Sep 2009	Mar 2010	2,382	£0.85	3,918		
A M Dawson	(ii)	26,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,000		
A J Morton	(i)	9,309	•	•	-	-	-	•	9,309		
PF Noble	(i)	5,043	3,270	£1.20	Sep 2009	Mar 2010	-	-	8,313		
J Ridley	(i)	10,971	4,087	£1.20	Sep 2009	Mar 2010	2,382	£0.85	12,676		

⁽i) Options under the Savings Related Option Scheme

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

⁽ii) Options under the Executive Share Option Scheme

^{*} or date of appointment

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

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 2005 trade creditors, as a proportion of amounts invoiced from suppliers for the year, represented 76 days (2004: 69 days).

In the industry in which the company operates credit periods are frequently extended by agreement. The company's creditor days are a reflection of this custom.

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

Pursuant to Section 386 Companies Act 1985, an elective resolution was passed on 14 March 2005 dispensing with the requirement to appoint auditors annually. Therefore Deloitte & Touche LLP are deemed to continue as auditors.

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

C K Ross Secretary

19 July 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

MITIE PROPERTY SERVICES (UK) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2005 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and related notes 1 to 23. 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 2005 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Delitte & Toula LLP

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Bristol

19 July 2005

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 March 2005

	Notes	Continuis 2005 £	ng operations 2004 £
TURNOVER	1	68,869,149	10,535,453
Cost of sales		(53,804,414)	(8,290,096)
GROSS PROFIT		15,064,735	2,245,357
Administrative expenses		(11,269,717)	(1,594,335)
OPERATING PROFIT	2	3,795,018	651,022
Interest receivable Interest payable	3 3	53,311 (160,145)	790 (20,683)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		3,688,184	631,129
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(730,788)	(238,631)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		2,957,396	392,498
Dividends	5	(2,089,424)	(196,249)
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	12	867,972	196,249

There are no recognised gains and losses for the current and preceding financial year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses has been provided.

BALANCE SHEET At 31 March 2005

	Notes		2005		2004
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	6		2,464,557		530,421
CURRENT ASSETS Work in progress Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7 8	27,915,752 4,518,036 32,433,788		10,457 3,495,844 3,000 3,509,301	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	9	(33,308,373)		(3,304,282)	
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)/ ASSETS			(874,585)		205,019
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,589,972		735,440
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	10		<u>-</u>		(13,440)
NET ASSETS			1,589,972		722,000
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	11 12		200,000 1,389,972		200,000 522,000
TOTAL EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	13		1,589,972		722,000

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 19 July 2005.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

Legar J. A

R McGregor-Smith

Director

CASH FLOW STATEMENT Year ended 31 March 2005

	Notes		2005		2004
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	14		5,967,534		(475,401)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid		64,737 (165,326)		1,405 (18,380)	
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance			(100,589)		(16,975)
Taxation UK corporation tax paid			(1,227,261)		(81,095)
Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from disposal of tangible fixed assets		(971,781) 149,861		(506,505) 22,269	
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure			(821,920)		(484,236)
Equity dividends paid			(389,745)		(78,000)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	16		3,428,019		(1,135,707)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

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.

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:

Plant 10 years
Motor vehicles 4 years
Office equipment 3 to 10 years

Operating leases

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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tax

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

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 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 benefit pension schemes. Details of the schemes are given in the financial statements of MITIE Group PLC.

2.	OPERATING PROFIT is stated after charging/(crediting):	2005 £	2004 £
	Depreciation	842,747	151,310
	Operating lease rentals:		
	- land and buildings	170,160	-
	- office equipment	79,629	-
•	Auditors' remuneration - audit services	20,592	2,500
2.1	Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(69,797)	(2,507)
3.	INTEREST Interest receivable	2005 £	2004 £
	Bank interest	43,073	790
	Other interest	10,238	•
		53,311	790
	Interest payable	£	£
	Bank interest	160,145	20,683

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

4. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

(a) Analysis of charge in year	2005 £	2004 £
United Kingdom corporation tax at 30% (2004: 30%) Adjustment in respect of prior years	1,133,353 (1,937)	207,352 357
Total current tax (note 4(b))	1,131,416	207,709
Deferred taxation: Timing differences - origination and reversal Adjustment in respect of prior years	(206,176) (194,452)	30,948 (26)
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	730,788	238,631

(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% (2004: 30%). The differences are as follows:

	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,688,184	631,129
	£	£
Tax at 30% thereon	1,106,455	189,339
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Other timing differences Adjustment in respect of prior years	(18,308) 45,206 - (1,937)	48,961 (35,760) 4,812 357
Current tax charge for the year (note 4(a))	1,131,416	207,709

(c) Factors affecting future tax charges

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

5.	DIVIDENDS			2005 £	2004 £
	Final proposed:			1 065 606	100 007
	'A' ordinary £10.45 (2004: 98p) per share 'B' ordinary £10.45 (2004: 98p) per share			1,065,606 1,023,818	100,087 96,162
				2,089,424	196,249
6.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				
	Summary	Plant £	Office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
	Cost				
	At 1 April 2004	111,742	71,199	945,741	1,128,682
	Additions	179,627	157,923	631,911	969,461
	Disposals	(11,826)	(71,652)	(734,518)	(817,996)
	Transfers	168,181	394,357	4,434,479	4,997,017
	At 31 March 2005	447,724	551,827	5,277,613	6,277,164
	Depreciation				
	At 1 April 2004	5,636	31,583	561,042	598,261
	Charge for the year	56,283	79,317	707,147	842,747
	Disposals	(11,826)	(69,037)	(657,069)	(737,932)
	Transfers	69,022	273,078	2,767,431	3,109,531
	At 31 March 2005	119,115	314,941	3,378,551	3,812,607
	Net book value				
	At 31 March 2005	328,609	236,886	1,899,062	2,464,557
	At 31 March 2004	106,106	39,616	384,699	530,421
	At 31 Match 2004	100,100	23,010	204,022	33 0,4 21

Capital commitments

At 31 March 2005 the directors had authorised capital expenditure of nil (2004: nil).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

7.	WORK IN PROGRESS	2005 £	2004 £
	Work in progress	-	10,457
8.	DEBTORS	2005 £	2004 £
	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income Deferred tax asset	18,054,719 8,583,764 497,666 231,614 160,801 387,188	2,614,490 781,674 29,722 63,804 6,154
		27,915,752	3,495,844

A deferred tax asset of £387,188 was recognised at 31 March 2005 (2004: nil). This asset relates to depreciation in excess of capital allowances. The directors are of the opinion that suitable profits will be available in the periods in which these differences will reverse. The amount credited to the profit and loss account in the year was £400,628 (2004: charge of £30,922).

CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2005	2004
	£	£
Bank overdraft	1,965,857	878,840
Payments on account	554,328	-
Trade creditors	12,652,224	1,264,914
Amounts owed to group undertakings	11,062,298	288,252
Corporation tax	967,583	164,814
Other taxes and social security costs	3,171,790	419,838
Other creditors	58,845	25,967
Accruals and deferred income	820,941	65,408
Proposed dividend	2,054,507	196,249
	33,308,373	3,304,282
	Bank overdraft Payments on account Trade creditors Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	Bank overdraft 1,965,857 Payments on account 554,328 Trade creditors 12,652,224 Amounts owed to group undertakings 11,062,298 Corporation tax 967,583 Other taxes and social security costs 3,171,790 Other creditors 58,845 Accruals and deferred income 820,941 Proposed dividend 2,054,507

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

10. PROVISON FOR LIABILTIES AND CHARGES

£	
13,440 (13,440)	
-	
2005 £	2004 £
-	13,440
2005 £	2004 £
102,000 98,000	102,000 98,000
200,000	200,000
£	£
•	102,000
98,000	98,000
200,000	200,000
	13,440 (13,440) 2005 £ 102,000 98,000 200,000 £ 102,000 98,000 200,000

Rights attached to shares

The holders of the £1 'A' ordinary shares and the £1 'B' ordinary shares are entitled to a dividend as decided by the Board. Thereafter, MITIE Group PLC, the holder of the £1 'A' ordinary shares, is entitled to one half of the company's annual profits available for distribution less the above amount already paid, together with any arrears of such cumulative dividends unpaid from any previous financial year.

Thereafter, the balance of profits available for distribution may be distributed amongst the holders of each class of share pari passu.

Both classes of shareholder have equal voting rights.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

12. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	£	
At 1 April 2004 Retained profit for the financial year	522,000 867,972	
At 31 March 2005	1,389,972	
13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	2005 £	2004 £
Profit for the financial year Proposed dividend	2,957,396 (2,089,424)	392,498 (196,249)
Net addition to shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	867,972 722,000	196,249 525,751
Closing shareholders' funds	1,589,972	722,000
14. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2005 £	2004 £
Operating profit Depreciation charges Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets Decrease/(increase) in work in progress Increase in debtors Increase in creditors Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	3,795,018 842,747 (69,797) 10,457 (24,786,797) 26,175,906 5,967,534	651,022 151,310 (2,527) (10,457) (2,632,049) 1,367,300 (475,401)
15. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS/(DEBT) At 1 April 2004 £	Cash flows	At 31 March 2005
Cash at bank 3,000 Overdraft (878,840)	4,515,036 (1,087,017)	4,518,036 (1,965,857)
(875,840)	3,428,019	2,552,179

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16.	RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/(DEBT)	2005 £	2004 £
	Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	3,428,019	(1,135,707)
	Net (debt)/funds at beginning of year	(875,840)	259,867
	Net funds/(debt) at end of year	2,552,179	(875,840)

17. ACQUISITIONS

On 1 July 2004 the trades and assets of MITIE Property Services (London) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Scotland) Limited and MITIE Roofing (South East) Limited were amalgamated into MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited. On 1 October 2004 the trades and assets of MITIE Property Services (Midlands) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Southern) Limited, MITIE Property Services (Western) Limited, MITIE Roofing (South West) Limited and MITIE Roofing Services Limited, were amalgamated into MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited.

The following table sets out the book values of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired:

Purchase of trade and assets:

	Book value £
Tangible fixed assets	1,885,166
Debtors	25,368,520
Cash	1,706,342
Creditors	(16,575,604)
Overdraft	(3,060,962)
	9,323,462
Total consideration satisfied by intercompany loans	9,323,462

The directors considered the fair value of the assets and liabilities acquired to be the same as the book value.

It is not practicable to allocate the results of the acquired business between pre and post acquisition since post acquisition the operations of the businesses have been merged.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

18. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

Operating leases

At 31 March 2005 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2005		2004	
	Land and buildings	Office equipment £	Land and buildings £	Office equipment £
Expire date:				
- within one year	36,254	-	21,776	_
- within two to five years	126,754	154,231	26,664	16,228
- after five years	250,110	-	16,000	-
	413,118	154,231	64,440	16,228

Commitments on behalf of group undertakings

The company is party with other group undertakings to cross-guarantees of each other's bank overdrafts. As at 31 March 2005, the overall commitment was nil (2004: nil).

19. DIRECTORS

The emoluments of directors of the company were:	2005 £	2004 £
Fees and other emoluments (excluding pension contributions but including benefits-in-kind)	441,127	181,726
Fees and emoluments disclosed above (excluding pension contributions) include amounts paid to	£	£
The highest paid director	99,125	44,833
	No.	No.
The number of directors who were members of a defined benefit pension scheme	6	4

I R Stewart, W Robson and R McGregor-Smith are directors of MITIE Group PLC and their emoluments and pension details are disclosed in the group accounts. J Ridley is a director of MITIE Property Services Limited and his emoluments are disclosed in those accounts. It is not practicable to allocate their remuneration between their services as directors of MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited and their services as directors of other group companies.

Two directors exercised options in the shares of the ultimate group company, MITIE Group PLC during the year (2004: none).

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

20. EMPLOYEES

Number of employees

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

2005 No.	2004 No.
741	197
193	49
934	246
£	£
19,810,779	4,153,695
2,004,992	408,555
373,802	89,134
22,189,573	4,651,384
	\$\begin{align*} \text{741} \\ \text{193} \\ \text{934} \\ \text{\psi} \\ \text{19,810,779} \\ \text{2,004,992} \\ \text{373,802} \\ \text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{270,004,992}}}}}

21. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As a wholly owned subsidiary of MITIE Group PLC, MITIE Property Services (UK) Limited has taken advantage of the exemption from the requirement to disclose related party transactions with MITIE Group PLC and companies within the group.

22. PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

The company participates in the MITIE Group PLC Pension Scheme. This is a defined benefit 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 20 and the agreed contribution rate for the next 12 months is 10% (2004: 10%) and 7.5% (2004: 7.5%) for the group and employees respectively.

The next actuarial valuation which was due on 6 April 2005 is currently being prepared. The 2002 actuarial valuation, which was performed on 6 April 2002 by a professional qualified actuary, showed that the actuarial value of the assets represented 87% of the benefits that had accrued to members after allowing for expected future increases in earnings.

An updated Financial Reporting Standard 17 valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2005 indicated that the scheme was 85% funded.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 March 2005

23. 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.