Directors' report and financial statements

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Report of the Directors

The Directors submit their report and the audited consolidated accounts of the company and its subsidiaries for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001.

Principal Activities and Review of the Business

The principal activities of the Group are property investment, development and trading in the United Kingdom. In addition, the Group is involved in the operation of hotels through a joint venture. The Group's property portfolio has been valued as at 30 June 2001 by Duncan Phillips, ARICS, an employee of the Group using a methodology supported by the Group's valuers, DTZ Debenham Tie Leung.

Change of status

An offer made by Lehman Brothers Europe Limited on behalf of Thayer Properties Limited to acquire the company, went unconditional on 9 February 2001. On 26 April 2001, the company's status changed from a public company to a private company.

Results and Dividends

The results for the period and the amount proposed to be transferred from reserves are shown in the consolidated profit and loss account on page 5.

The directors paid interim dividends of 32.154 pence and 1.35 pence (1999: 1.25 pence) per share and propose a final dividend of nil pence (1999: 1.45 pence) per share for the period.

Directors

Nigel Wray resigned as Chairman, Duncan Moss resigned as a director, and the non-executive directors Anthony Solomons, Nicholas Brigstocke and Maurice Lambert all resigned on 28 February 2001 – summarised as follows:-

RJ Anderson (resigned and re-appointed on 12 March 2001)

J Gleek (resigned and re-appointed on 12 March 2001)

NW Wray (Chairman, resigned on 28 February 2001)

DJB Moss (resigned on 28 February 2001)
A Solomons (resigned on 28 February 2001)
N Brigstocke (resigned on 28 February 2001)
M Lambert (resigned on 28 February 2001)
AJ Pettit (appointed on 12 March 2001)
PA Gamester (appointed on 12 March 2001)
WY Lee (appointed on 12 March 2001)

Interests of the Directors in shares and share options of the company are set out in Note 7 (c).

Donations

During the period the Group made charitable donations of £12,087. No donations were made to political parties.

Report of the Directors continued

Payment Policy

The policy of the Group and the Company is to pay suppliers by the date specific to each transaction. At 30 June 2001, the Group had 12 days' purchases outstanding, and the company had 1 day purchases outstanding.

Auditors

In accordance with section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG Audit Pic as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

T White

Secretary

20 Thayer Street London W1U 2DD

9 November 2001

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 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; 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 which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The above statement should be read in conjunction with the statement of auditors' responsibilities set out in the audit report on page 4.

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Independent auditors' report to the members of Burford Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 33.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 3 the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Boards and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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 to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with 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.

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 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 affairs as at 30 June 2001 and of its loss for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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KPMG Audit Plc Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor 9 November 2001

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

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Turnover: group and share of joint venture 2 112,528 56,365			-	ended
Turnover: group and share of joint venture			ended	31 Dec
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Turnover: group and share of joint venture			2001	1999
Less: share of joint venture			£000	£000
Less: share of joint venture	Turnover: group and share of joint venture	2	112,528	56,365
Cost of sales 3 (9,608) (3,967) Gross profit 81,038 50,024 Administrative expenses: Head office costs (7,278) (4,472) Corporate costs (5,056) (692) Other operating income 240 156 Income from interests in associated undertakings 5 - 259 Share of result before interest in joint venture 12 3,719 (1,216) Gains on investment property disposals 7,396 2,550 Bank interest receivable and similar income 11,009 6,643 Interest payable and similar charges 6 (64,658) (32,349) Profit on ordinary activities before taxation 7 26,410 20,903 Profit on ordinary activities before tax comprises: 19,888 20,106 Share of result of joint venture 12 (874) (1,753) Gains on investment property disposals 7,396 2,550 Tax on profit on ordinary activities 8 (2,007) (3,905) Tax on operating activities 8 (2,387) <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>				
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	Ordinary dividend		(135,189)	(11,422)
Transfer from reserves 21 (113.173) (13.190)	Special dividend	9	<u> </u>	(17,864)
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All activities for the period from 31 December 1999 until 30 June 2001 are continuing activities.

Consolidated Investment Property Surplus Statement

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

	Note	Eighteen months ended	Year ended
		30 June 2001 £000	31 Dec 1999 £000
Realised investment property surplus over book value Realisation of property revaluation surplus of prior period		7,396 46,418	2,550 22,601
Net realised investment property surplus		53,814	25,151
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties Deferred tax on unrealised investment property surplus	10	42,481	80,962 (1,260)
Change in interest in associate	5		82
Net unrealised investment property surplus		42,481	79,784
Total investment property surplus		96,295	104,935

Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

	Eighteen	Year
	months	ended
	ended	
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Profit for the financial period	22,016	16,096
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investment properties	42,481	80,962
Deferred tax on investment surplus	-	(7,000)
Change in interest in associate	-	82
Other	(1,200)	-
Tax on realised investment property surplus in prior period	(6,599)	(1,399)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the period	56,698	88,741

Consolidated Historical Cost Profits and Losses

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

	Eighteen	Year
	months	ended
	ended	
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation Realisation of property revaluation surplus in prior period, net of attributable	26,410	20,903
taxation	39,819	21,202
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	66,229	42,105
Historical cost (loss)/profit retained after taxation and dividends	(73,354)	8,012

Consolidated Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 2001

	Note	30 June 2001 £000	31 Dec 1999 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	1,001,691	1,022,236
Investments	11	1,714	2,461
Investment in joint venture:			
Share of joint venture assets		66,858	54,997
Share of joint venture liabilities		(57,440)	(39,250)
	12	9,418	15,747
		1,012,823	1,040,444
Current assets			
Stocks	13	2,109	2,564
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	202,805	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	15	18,189	5,158
Cash at bank and in hand	16	26,508	106,583
		249,611	114,305
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(45,903)	(59,045)
Net current assets		203,708	55,260
Total assets less current liabilities		1,216,531	1,095,704
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(705,771)	(489,308)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	19	(11,653)	(13,082)
Net assets		499,107	593,314
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	20	4,043	4,230
Share premium account	21	90,825	106,354
Revaluation reserve	21	201,075	206,212
Capital redemption reserve	21	8,475	8,475
Merger reserve	21	155,047	155,047
Profit and loss account	21	39,642	112,996
Equity shareholders' funds	22	499,107	593,314

Approved by the Board on 9 November 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

J Gleek
Director

Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2001

	Note	30 June 2001 £000	31 Dec 1999 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	11	9,311	3,069
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year		202,505	-
Debtors: amounts falling due in less than one year	14	-	170,966
Cash	15	12_	7,609
		202,517	178,575
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	(8,853)	(7,943)
Net current assets		193,664	170,632
Total assets less current liabilities		202,975	173,701
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	18	(47,302)	
Net assets		155,673	173,701
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	20	4,043	4,230
Share premium account	21	90,825	106,354
Capital redemption reserve	21	8,525	8,525
Profit and loss account	21	52,280	54,592
Equity shareholders' funds	22	155,673	173,701

Approved by the Board on 9 November 2001 and signed on its behalf by:

J Gleek

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

	Note	Eighteen months ended 30 June	Year ended 31 Dec
		2001 £000	1999 £000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	23	(140,626)	53,426
Returns on investment and servicing of finance	24	(65,346)	(28,140)
Taxation		(9,313)	(10,481)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	24	75,112	(117,643)
Acquisitions	24	263	(468)
Equity dividend paid		(141,322)	(11,006)
Cash outflow before financing and management of liquid Resources		(281,232)	(114,312)
Management of liquid resources	25	(12,020)	63,779
Financing	24	201,157	123,400
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period		(92,095)	72,867

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt

for the eighteen months ended 30 June 2001

	Note	Eighteen months ended 30 June 2001 £000	Year ended 31 Dec 1999 £000
(Decrease)/increase in cash for the period		(92,095)	72,867
Cash outflow/(inflow) from change in liquid resources	25	12,020	(63,779)
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		(80,075)	9,088
Change in secured loans	25	(216,873)	(123,288)
Movement in net debt		(296,948)	(114,200)
Net debt at 31 December 1999		(382,725)_	(268,525)
Net debt at 30 June 2001	25	(679,673)	(382,725)

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies

a. Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost accounting rules, modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Burford has adopted the requirements of all accounting standards up to and including FRS 16 and FRS 18. No prior period adjustments were necessary.

b. Group accounts

The consolidated accounts of the Group incorporate the assets and liabilities of the Company and its subsidiary undertakings and the results for the period when they were part of the Group. Results of the subsidiary and associated companies acquired during the period are included from the date of acquisition. Results of subsidiaries and associates disposed of during the period are included up to the date of disposal.

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, a separate profit and loss account is not presented in respect of the Company. Also, as the group is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., it has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties).

c. Properties

Investment properties and properties in the course of development for investment purposes are included in the balance sheet at their open market value at the balance sheet date on the basis of a professional valuation. Aggregate surpluses or deficits arising on valuation are transferred to a revaluation reserve. Impairments in the value of properties to below their carrying values are charged directly to the profit and loss account.

Additions to investment properties include only costs of a capital nature and certain refurbishment expenditure. Costs such as interest and other property outgoings are treated as revenue expenditure and written off as incurred.

Additions to development properties include the cost of finance charges gross of taxation less any income attributable to the property. For this purpose, the interest rate is either the actual rate payable on specific borrowings to fund the project or, if financed out of general funds, the average interest rate payable on borrowings in the period, excluding the debenture which funds investment properties.

Development properties are treated as complete and are transferred to investment properties at the earliest of:

- i. the date when income exceeds outgoings, other than development costs;
- ii. the date when the property is substantially let and income producing; and
- iii. the practical completion.

In accordance with SSAP 19 (as amended) no depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold and leasehold investment properties. This treatment, as regards certain of the Group's investment properties, is a departure from the requirements of Companies Act 1985 concerning depreciation of fixed assets. However, these properties are not held for consumption but for investment and the Directors consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of the factors reflected in valuation, and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

The consolidated investment property surplus statement shows the surplus or deficit on investment properties arising in the period, less any provisions for deferred taxation and any amounts attributable to other parties in joint ventures. The statement distinguishes between realised surpluses, less impairments in the value of investment properties, which are distributable and therefore transferred to the profit and loss account, and unrealised surpluses which cannot be distributed and are transferred to the revaluation reserve.

Notes to the Accounts

1. Accounting Policies continued

d. Turnover

Turnover represents sale proceeds of trading and other properties and rents receivable during the period (all excluding value added tax).

Turnover from joint venture represents income from hotel operations excluding value added tax.

e. Recognition of profits

Purchases and sales of properties are accounted for as follows:

Investment and development properties

- upon exchange of unconditional contracts;

Trading properties

- upon completion of contracts;

Ground rents and similar interests

- upon receipt of cash.

f. Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost less estimated residual value of fixtures, fittings and equipment by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives of 3 years for computer equipment, 4 years for motor vehicles and 10 years for other fixed assets.

g. Stocks

Properties held for resale are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, which is based on the estimated selling price less costs expected to be incurred prior to completion and disposal.

h. Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided under the liability method in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that it is probable that the liabilities will crystallise in the future. In the case of investment properties, deferred taxation is provided on revaluation surpluses only when it is anticipated that an asset will be sold.

2. Turnover

Eighteen	Year
months	ended
ended	
30 June	31 Dec
2001	1999
£000	£000
88,782	52,640
1,864	1,351
90,646	53,991
21,882	2,374
112,528	56,365
	months ended 30 June 2001 £000 88,782 1,864 90,646 21,882

All activity is carried out within the United Kingdom.

Notes to the Accounts

3. Cost of Sales

	Eighteen months	Year ended
	ended	Crided
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Direct property costs	9,129	3,552
Cost of ground rents and trading properties sold	479	415
	9,608	3,967

4. Staff Numbers and Costs

The average number of persons employed by the Group (including Executive Directors) during the period was 33 (1999: 35). The total payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	Eighteen	Year
	months	ended
	ended	
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	4,541	2,780
Social security costs	599	316
Pension costs	182	120
	5,322	3,216

The Group does not operate any pension scheme, but makes contributions to private pension schemes of its employees.

Notes to the Accounts

5. Income from Associates continued

a. Trading performance of associated companies

Chorion	pic
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Chorion plc			
	Eighteen		Year
	months		ended
	ended		
	30 June		31 Dec
	2001		1999
	£000		£000
Associate's results:			
Turnover	-		11,749
Cost of sales	-		(2,271)
Other income	-		-
Administrative expenses	-		(8,838)
Net interest receivable		_	434
Profit before tax	-	-	1,074
Burford's share of results:			
Share of associate's results before tax	-		259
Share of tax		_	(69)
Total		-	190
b. Movement in Burford's share of net assets			
	30 June		31 Dec
	2001		1999
	Total		Total
	£000		£000
At 1 January 2000	662		18,254
Share of associate's profits	-		190
Change in interest in associate	-		82
Transfer to listed investments		_	(17,864)
At 30 June 2001	662		662

c. Relationships with related parties

At 30 June 1999, Chorion was reclassified under other investments as a consequence of the proposed distribution of Chorion shares to Burford shareholders on terms set out in the circular to Burford shareholders dated 15 September 1999.

Notes to the Accounts

6. Interest Payable and Similar Charges

	Eighteen months ended 30 June 2001 £000	Year ended 31 Dec 1999 £000
On bank loans and overdrafts and other loans repayable within five		
period	45,969	21,845
On all other loans	21,021	14,052
Bank charges and finance fees	10,027	115
	77,017	36,012
Less interest capitalised	(16,952)	(4,200)
	60,065	31,812
Share of joint venture interest payable net of interest capitalised	4,593	537
	64,658	32,349
7. Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	Eighteen months ended 30 June 2001 £000	Year ended 31 Dec 1999 £000
a. Profit on ordinary activities is stated after charging:		
Directors' remuneration	2,476	1,608
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	108	69
Auditors' remuneration for other services	118	25
Depreciation	316	187

Auditors' remuneration of £10,000 (1999: £10,000) for audit services relating to the Company is included in the above figures.

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7. Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation continued

b. Directors' remuneration

	Eighteen	Year
	months	ended
	ended	
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
Directors' remuneration	2,121	1,534
Amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes	•	-
	2,121	1,534
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	97	74
Compensation for loss of office	258	-
Amounts paid by third parties to third parties in respect of directors' services	663	
	3,139	1,608

Contributions under money purchase schemes accrued to four directors in the eighteen month period to 30 June 2001 (1999: three directors).

The aggregate of emoluments and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £833,740 (1999: £559,000) and company pension contributions of £52,024 (1999: £41,000) were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf. During the eighteen months to 30 June 2001 four directors exercised share options including the highest paid director (1999: none).

During the period £663,306 was paid by Thayer Properties Jersey Limited to First Management Services Limited in respect of directors' services. This has not been recharged to the Group.

	30 June 2001	31 Dec 1999
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under:		
Money purchase schemes	3	3

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7. Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation continued

c. Directors' shares and options

An offer made by Lehman Brothers Europe Limited, on behalf of Thayer Properties Limited, to acquire Burford Holdings Limited went unconditional on 9 February 2001, and the interests, including family interests, of the directors are no longer applicable. Burford Holdings Limited, formerly Burford Holdings plc, changed its status on 26 April 2001 from a public company to a private company.

The interests of all directors in the share capital of the parent company were beneficial apart from 206,565 shares held non-beneficially by Nigel Wray, and 20,000 held by John Anderson's wife.

Under the terms of the offer a cash cancellation proposal was accepted on 28 February 2001 by the directors for options and shares with the exception of 350,860 options and 187,777 shares held by Julian Gleek, and 10,785,618 shares held by Nigel Wray where a loan note alternative was taken up.

Option and share details were as follows:-

Share Options			Sha	ares		
	30 June 2001	27 Feb 2001	Movement	01 Jan 2000	30 June 2001	01 Jan 2000
N Wray	-	519,295	4,156	515,139	-	11,539,581
J Anderson	-	2,286,489	1,244,497	1,041,992	-	40,000
J Gleek	-	1,659,380	795,068	864,312	-	906,007
D Moss	-	1,195,667	696,438	499,229	-	18,500

The share option interests of the directors changed as a result of grants under the New Burford Executive Share Option Scheme, the Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") and a new ShareSave Scheme. 1988 Scheme (approved)

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Details of all schemes to 27 February 2001 are as follows:-

	Exercise Price	J. Gleek	J. Anderson	N. Wray	D. Moss	Exercise dates
1988 scheme	67.3p	350,860	-	-	43,912	07/04/1998 - 06/04/2005
(approved)	68.3p	-	-	-	146,373	24/03/1997 – 23/03/2004
New Burford Executive	118.0p	-	680,098			01/07/1999 – 30/06/2003
Share Option Scheme	129.0p	-	-	-	209,670	14/04/2000 – 13/04/2004
(unapproved)	101.0p	408,835	195,529	495,050	4,717	23/12/2000 – 22/12/2004
	84.5p	700,000	1,094,000	<u>-</u>	627,000	28/02/2003 - 27/02/2007
Burford Holdings	<u>-</u> _		<u> </u>			
Sharesave Scheme	69.6p	13,918	24,245	24,245	13,918	05/04/2003 - 04/10/2003
		*2,873	*2,873	*2,873	*2,873	
Burford Holdings Long			 .			
Term Incentive Plan	94.0p	93,085	146,276	-	74,468	20/10/2002 – 19/10/2009
"LTIP"	102.5p	92,682	146,341	-	75,609	28/02/2003 – 27/02/2010
		*33,468	*52,845		*27,303	

^{*} entitlement is a pro rata figure based on grant date and early exercise date

The closing price of the parent Company's ordinary shares was not relevant on 30 June 2001 as the Company de-listed on 9 June 2001.

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8. Taxation

	Eighteen months ended 30 June 2001 £000	Year ended 31 Dec 1999 £000
Taxation based on profit for the period:	2000	2000
UK Corporation tax at 30 per cent (1999: 30.25 per cent) Deferred taxation Share of associated undertakings' tax charge (Note 5)	1,050 (593) -	2,671 1,165 69
Current period tax Prior period underprovision	457 1,550	3,905
Tax on operating activities Tax arising on capital items	2,007 2,387 4,394	3,905 902 4,807

Capital allowances have reduced the tax charge by £1,748,702 (1999: £1,564,000). In addition, £6,599,000 (1999: £1,399,000) of tax has been charged to the realisation of investment property revaluation surplus in prior period of £46,418,000 (1999: £22,601,000).

9. Dividends

	Eighteen	Year
	months	ended
	ended	
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Interim dividend paid of 1.35p per share (1999: 1.25p per share) Interim dividend paid of 32.154p per share (1999: nil per share) Final dividend nil per share (1999: 1.45p per share) Overprovision re. 1999 dividend	5,459 130,000 - (270)	5,289 - 6,133 -
·		44 100
Ordinary dividends	135,189	11,422
Special dividend paid of 4.23p per share	<u> </u>	17,864

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10. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Investme	nt properties	Development properties	Other properties		
	Freehold	Long leasehold	Freehold	Freehold	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
Group	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation:						
At 1 January 2000	727,824	117,100	173,201	3,500	1,320	1,022,945
Additions	21,436	1,517	65,053	-	310	88,316
Reclassification of properties	192,628	-	(192,628)	-	-	-
Disposals	(131,587)	(19,350)	-	-	(254)	(151,191)
Revaluation surplus	<u>(4,176)</u>	2,983	43,174	500		42,481
At 30 June 2001	806,125	102,250	88,800	4,000	1,376	1,002,551
Depreciation:						
At 1 January 2000	-	-	-	-	709	709
Charged in the period	-	_	<u></u>	-	316	316
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(165)	(165)
At 30 June 2001	-	•		-	860	860
Net book value:						
At 30 June 2001	806,125	102,250	88,800	4,000	516	1,001,691
At 31 December 1999	727,824	117,100	173,201	3,500	611	1,022,236
The cost of properties included a	bove at valuatior	ı is:				£000
Freehold investment and other pa	roperties					646,230
Long leasehold investment prope	-					95,711
Development properties						59,538
h liskainaa						801,479

The historic cost of the Group's properties includes capitalised interest of £21,762,000 (1999: £6,083,045).

Development properties comprise Cabot Park at Avonmouth, Trafford Park at Carrington and the office development at Stratton Street, Mayfair.

At 30 June 2001 the Group's commercial investment property portfolio was valued by Duncan Phillips, ARICS, an employee of the Group using a methodology supported by the Group's independent external valuer, DTZ Debenham Tie Leung.

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11. Investments

	Shares in associated undertakings	Other investments	Total
Group	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation:	ceo	4.700	0.464
At 1 January 2000 Disposal	662	1,799 (747)	2,461 (747)
At 30 June 2001	662	1,052	1,714
Other investments			Shares in associated
			undertakings
Сотрапу			£000
Cost:			
At 1 January 2000			3,069
Additions:			6,242
At 30 June 2001			9,311

12. Income from Joint Ventures

In March 1998 the Group commenced a joint venture ("IS Europe Limited") with Ian Schrager Hotels. Under the terms of the joint venture agreement IS Europe Limited has the right to create Ian Schrager hotels throughout Europe. Burford's share of the ordinary share capital of the joint venture is 50%.

The trading results set out below are derived from two such hotels developed in the joint venture: St Martin's Lane, which opened in September 1999, and Sanderson, which opened in April 2001.

IS Europe Eighteen months to 30 June 2001 £000	Burford's share Eighteen months to 30 June 2001 £000
43,765	21,882
20,791	10,395
(8,292)	(4,146)
(3,848)	(1,924)
8,651	4,325
(9,186)	(4,593)
<u>-</u>	(606)
(535)	(874)
	Eighteen months to 30 June 2001 £000 43,765 20,791 (8,292) (3,848) 8,651 (9,186)

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12. Income from Joint Ventures continued

b. Net assets of joint venture comprise:	IS Europe	Burford's share	Burford's share
	30 June	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	2001	1999
	£000	£000	£000
Fixed assets	121,284	60,642	51,238
Current assets	12,432	6,216	3,759
Total assets	133,716	66,858	54,997
Short term liabilities	(12,005)	(6,003)	(4,884)
Long term liabilities	(102,874)	(51,437)	(34,366)
Total liabilities	(114,879)	(57,440)	(39,250)
13. Stocks			
Group	30 June		31 Dec
	2001		1999
	£000		£000
Ground rents	2,109		2,564

14. Debtors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Gro	oup	Comp	any
	30 June	31 Dec	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999	2001	1999
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-		•	170,966
Amounts owed by Thayer Properties Limited	202,505	-	202,505	-
Others	300	-	-	-
	202,805	-	202,505	170,966

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15. Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

31 Dec
1999
£000
-
2
-
7,263
344
-
7,609

16. Cash at bank and in hand

Included within cash at bank at 30 June 2001 is £20,867,000 (1999: £8,846,696) held as security for loans granted to subsidiaries.

17. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Company	
	30 June	31 Dec	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999	2001	1999
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank loans	400	-		-
Trade creditors	5,175	2,565	26	-
Proposed dividend payable	1,052	7,932	3,254	7,932
Corporation tax payable	7,235	4,124	573	-
Other creditors including taxation and social security	5,925	2,978	5,000	-
Accruals and deferred income	26,116	41,446		11
	45,903	59,045	8,853	7,943

Included in the above figures is £nil (1999: £15,640,000) relating to the purchase of investment properties.

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18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Gro	ир
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Borrowings		
9.625% Secured Debenture Stock 2019	146,000	146,000
10.6% Secured Mortgage 2003	<u> </u>	8,020
Bank loans:		
Variable Secured 2001	-	35,000
Variable Secured 2002	160,000	111,000
Variable Secured 2003	19,301	117,000
Variable Secured 2004	181,850	56,288
Variable Secured 2006	16,000	16,000
Variable Secured 2007	174,600	
	551,751	335,288
Borrowings are repayable as follows:		
Between one and two years	168,820	35,000
Between two and five years	219,551	292,308
After five years	317,400	162,000
Total creditors due after more than one year	705,771	489,308

The Group's borrowings are secured on £20,867,000 of the Group's cash and certain freehold and leasehold land and buildings.

	Compa	iny
	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	€000	£000
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	47,302	<u>.</u>

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18. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year continued

The Group has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 13, that short term debtors and creditors be excluded from the following disclosures. The exemption on the grounds of practicality from providing comparatives has also been used where appropriate.

Set out below is a comparison by category of the book values of the Group's financial liabilities as at 30 June 2001.

	Book value	Fair value
	£m	£m
Primary financial instruments held or issued to finance the Goperations	Group's	
9.625% Secured Debenture Stock 2019	146	180
10.6% Secured Mortgage 2003	8	9
Derivative financial instruments held to mortgage interest raprofile Interest rate swaps	te	15

The fair values of the debenture, fixed rate debit and interest rate swaps have been determined by reference to prices available from the markets on which the instruments involved are traded.

	£III
Undrawn loan facilities expiring between two and five period	26.7

Interest rate risk and hedge profile	Fixed rate	Variable	Total
	loans	rate loans	Ioans
Borrowings £m	154.0	552.2	706.2
Weighted average rate	9.68%	7.03%	7.61%

All the variable rate loans are hedged through interest rate swaps which are summarised below.

Hedge profile - maturity of protection	£m
In one year or less	-
Between one and two years	160.0
Between two and five years	217.2
After five years	216.6
	593.8

All gains and losses arising from hedged instruments crystallised during the period have been recognised in the profit and loss account. All monetary assets and liabilities are denominated in sterling.

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19. Provisions for Liabilities and Charges

		Deferred		
		Taxation		
		£000		
At 1 January 2000		13,082		
Profit and loss account		(593)		
Utilised in the period		(836)		
At 30 June 2001		11,653		
	30 June 2001	31 Dec 1999		

	30 June 2001		31 Dec 1999	
Deferred taxation:	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Short term timing differences, including accelerated				
capital allowances	(48)	6,958	(108)	8,472
Trading properties	495	-	588	-
Potential tax on revaluation surpluses	11,206		12,602	59,186
_	11,653	6,958	13,082	67,658

There is no unprovided deferred tax on revaluation surpluses at 30 June 2001 due to the availability of capital losses within Burford Holdings group of companies.

20. Share Capital

	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Authorised		
Equity share capital		
600,000,000 ordinary shares of 1p each	6,000	6,000
Non equity share capital		
1,000,000,000 special interest shares of 1p each	10,000	10,000
427,000,000 non-voting C shares of 0.000001p each		-
	16,000	16,000
Allotted and called up		
Equity share capital		
404,300,434 (1999: 422,956,494) fully paid ordinary shares of 1p each	4,043	4,230
427,000,000 (1999: 427,000,000) non-voting C shares of 0.000001p each	<u>.</u>	
	4,043	4,230

During the period, 18,656,060 shares, representing 4.4% of the opening share capital, were repurchased and cancelled by the company at a cost of £15,716,000.

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21. Reserves

	Share	Revaluation	Capital	Merger	Profit and
	premium	reserve	redemption	reserve	loss account
	account				
Group	0003	0003	2000	0003	0003
At 1 January 2000	106,354	206,212	8,475	155,047	112,996
Retained loss for the period	-	-	-	-	(113,173)
Investment property surplus	-	42,481	-	-	<u></u>
Revaluation surplus realised	-	(39,819)	-	-	39,819
Tax on realisation of investment					
property surplus in prior period	-	(6,599)	-	-	-
Shares repurchased	(15,529)	-	-	-	-
Other		(1,200)		-	
At 30 June 2001	90,825	201,075	8,475	155,047	39,642

The Group's revaluation reserve is attributable to investment properties and is not available for distribution as it is not realised. The cumulative amount of goodwill is eliminated against reserves at 30 June 2001 is £4,631,000 (1999: £4,631,000).

	Share	Capital	Profit and
	premium	Redemption	loss account
	account	Account	
Company	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January 2000	106,354	8,525	54,592
Retained loss for the year	-	-	(2,312)
Shares repurchased	(15,529)		
At 30 June 2001	90,825	8,525	<u>52,280</u>
	30 June		31 Dec
	2001		1999
Profit/(loss) for the period	£000		£000
Dealt with in the accounts of the Company	(2,312)		993
Retained by subsidiaries	25,202		16,666
Retained by associates and joint ventures	(874)		(1,563)
	22,016		16,096

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22. Reconciliation of Movements in Equity Shareholders' Funds

	Group		Company	
	30 June	31 Dec	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999	2001	1999
	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 January	593,314	533,747	173,701	172,596
Retained (loss)/profit for the period	(113,173)	(13,190)	(2,312)	993
Issue of new shares and options exercised	-	112	-	112
Tax on realisation of investment property surplus in prior				
period	(6,599)	(1,399)	-	-
Investment property surplus	42,481	80,962	-	-
Deferred tax on revalued assets	-	(7,000)	-	-
Shares repurchased	(15,716)	-	(15,716)	-
Change in interest in associate	-	82	-	-
Other	(1,200)			
At 30 June/31 December	499,107	593,314	155,673	173,701

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23. Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

	30 June	31 Dec
	2001	1999
	£000	£000
Profit on operating activities before interest	68,944	45,275
Depreciation charges	148	164
Income from interest in associated undertakings	-	(190)
Decrease in stocks	455	287
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(210,295)	2,633
Increase in creditors	122	5,257
Net cash inflow from operating activities	(140,626)	53,426
	30 June 2001 £000	1999 £000
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	11,009	6,643
Interest paid	(76,355)	(34,783)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of		
finance	(65,346)	(28,140)
Capital expenditure and financial investment		
Purchase of investment properties		
Purchase of tangible assets	(83,168)	(229,091)
Sale of investment properties	(83,168) (308)	(229,091) (172)
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Sale of other tangible assets	(308)	(172)

75,112

(117,643)

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24. Analysis of Cash Flows for Headings Netted in the Cash Flow Statement continued

		30 June 2001		31 Dec 1999
		£000		2000
Acquisitions				
Purchase of investment		(5,192)		(468)
Joint venture capital reduction		5,455		
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from acquisitions		263		(468)
Financing				
Issue of ordinary share capital net of expenses		-		112
Purchase of own shares		(15,716)		-
New secured loans drawdown		216,873		123,288
Net cash inflow from financing		201,157		123,400
25. Analysis of Changes in Net Debt				
	30 June	Net cash	Net change	31 Dec
	2001	outflow	in secured loans	2001
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash at bank and in hand	26,508	(80,075)	-	106,583
Debt due after one year	(706,181)		(216,873)	(489,308)
Net debt	(679,673)	(80,075)	(216,873)	(382,725)
Secured deposits	(20,867)	(12,020)	-	(8,847)
	(700,540)	(92,095)	(216,873)	(391,572)

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26. Principal Subsidiary Undertakings

The principal trading subsidiary undertakings, all of which are owned by subsidiary undertakings of Burford Holdings Limited and are registered in England and Wales, are as follows:

Activity		
Property investment		
Property trading		
Property investment		

The only issued share capital of each subsidiary is ordinary share capital. A full list of subsidiaries will be annexed to the next annual return.

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27. Capital Commitments

The following capital commitments have been entered into by the Group:

30 June	31 Dec
2001	1999
£000	£000
Authorised	Authorised
& Contracted	& Contracted

Property construction and refurbishment

25,989

63,400

28. Ultimate Holding Company

The ultimate holding company of Burford Holdings Limited is Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., a company incorporated in the State of Delaware in the USA.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Lehman Brothers Holdings plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

The consolidated accounts of these companies are available to the public from 101, Hudson Street, Jersey City, NJ07032, USA and from One Broadgate, London respectively.

29. Related Party Transactions

The following were related party transactions entered into by the Group with companies whose directors were also directors of the Group at the time of the transactions:

1. Following the takeover of the Group, John Anderson and Julian Gleek remained as directors of the Group. Their remuneration was paid by First Management Services Limited, a company of which they are also directors.

During the period, First Management Services Limited charged Thayer Properties (Jersey) Limited, a subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, £663,306 in respect of their remuneration as directors of the Group and this had not been recharged to the Group.

Also during the period, Burford Group Limited recharged First Management Services Limited £10,037 in respect of healthchare and pension costs. These amounts were recharged at cost to the Group and no amounts remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.

Nicholas Brigstocke was a non-executive director during the period and was also Chairman of Credit Suisse First Boston de Zoete & Bevan Limited. During the period of his non-executive directorship, the Group paid £2,207,342 to Credit Suisse First Boston in respect of independent financial advice to the Board regarding the takeover of the Group. No amounts remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.

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29. Related Party Transactions continued

- 3. Nigel Wray is a director of Brendon Street Investments Limited. During the period he was a director of the Group, the Group recharged Brendon Street Investments Limited £19,742 in respect of employee, taxis, courier, company searches and stationary costs. These amounts were recharged at cost to the Group and no amounts remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.
- 4. John Anderson is a director of the Group and a director of Cassava Enterprises Limited. During the period the Group recharged Cassava Enterprises Limited £3,176 in respect of travel, courier and telephone costs. These amounts were recharged at cost to the Group and no amounts remained outstanding at the balance sheet date.

30. Post balance sheet events

On 9 October 2001, the Group completed on the disposal of Burford Group Limited and its subsidiaries, all of which were wholly owned by Burford Holdings Limited.

At 30 June 2001, Burford Group Limited and its subsidiaries held £243 million worth of properties and a £146 million listed debenture.