PAPERBEFORE LIMITED

Directors

R Coulson G Dransfield D J Egan

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

ACCOUNTS

The Company did not trade during the year under review and accordingly made no profit or loss. The accounts as at 31 December 2007 comprise the balance sheet and related notes.

DIRECTORS

The Directors as shown at the head of this report are currently in office DJ Egan was appointed on June 1, 2007 and N Swift resigned on the same day R Coulson and G Dransfield served throughout the year

ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The ultimate parent company is HeidelbergCement AG, a company incorporated in Germany Copies of the consolidated financial statements of HeidelbergCement AG may be obtained from Berliner Strasse 6, D-69120 Heidelberg, Germany

AUDITORS

The Company is entitled to dispense with the need to appoint auditors as allowed by the provisions of \$249AA of the Companies Act 1985

ANNUAL GENERAL MEFTING

Pursuant to the Elective Resolution of the Company passed on 13 February 1998 the Company has dispensed with the need to hold Annual General Meetings. Any member of the Company is entitled to require the laying of the accounts before a General Meeting on giving due notice to that effect in accordance with \$253 of the Companies Act 1985.

By Order of the Board

Secretary Ornspold Secretary

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007 £000	<u>2006</u> <u>£000</u>
FIXED ASSETS Investment	266 745	266 745
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES 26 885 allotted called up and fully paid £1. A ordinary shares	27	27
(Authorised 50 000)	27	21
81,002 allotted called up and fully paid £1 B ordinary shares (Authorised 100 000)	81	81
Profit and loss account	268 823	268 823
Equity shareholders funds	268 931	268 931

For the year ended 31 December 2007 the Company was entitled to exemption under \$249AA (1) of the Companies Act 1985

No members have required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with \$249B (2) of the Companies Act 1985

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for -

- a) ensuring the Company keeps accounting records which comply with \$221 of the Companies Act 1985 and
- b) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of its financial period, and of its profit and loss account for the financial period in accordance with \$226 of the Companies Act 1985, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the Company.

23 April 2008

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards

(b) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost except where it is required to make a provision for diminution in value

2 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

The Company holds 56 ordinary A shares of £1 00 each in Hanson America Holdings (3) Limited (a group company) representing 56% of the total issued. A shares

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of a body incorporated in the European Union and advantage has been taken of S228 of the Companies Act 1985 in that consolidated accounts have not been prepared. The accounts present information about the Company as an individual undertaking

3 RIGHTS ATTACHING TO SHARES

The A and B shares rank part passu in all respects except in relation of dividends, voting, return of capital where the rights are in proportion of 10,000 1 respectively