Report and Financial Statements

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## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2000**

## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

#### DIRECTORS

K J Fine

J P Flanagan

D Hylton

D Noel

S M C Taylor

D C Zietsman

#### **SECRETARY**

S M C Taylor

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# **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR



#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the group during the period has been that of industrial and office cleaning contractors together with the provision of security guarding services. The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company providing management services to its subsidiaries.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The business acquired with the purchase of Imperial Cleaning Services has now been fully integrated into the Executive model and this part of the business provided encouraging and consistent results. Overall, as a result of limited sales opportunities, the business did not advance as expected. However, towards the end of the period the bid opportunities saw a marked uplift and a number of substantial contracts were secured. With the company commitment to service excellence and quality, coupled with the strategic need to diversify into other related support service offerings, the group sought investment from Servest Limited, a South African support service company quoted on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Servest acquired a 68% shareholding in the company and brings considerable knowledge and resources which the directors feel will influence the success of the group.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The directors paid a dividend of £592,000 during the period (1999: £138,000). After deducting dividends the loss for the period transferred from reserves totals £682,000 (1999: profit of £81,000).

#### **DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS**

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

K J Fine	(appointed 23 July 1999)
J Flanagan	
D Hylton	
G J Lunt	(resigned 23 July 1999)
D Noel	
M Smith	(resigned 23 July 1999)
S M C Taylor	(appointed 13 August 1999)
D C Ziestman	(appointed 23 July 1999)

The interests of the directors in the shares of the ultimate parent company, Servest Holdings Limited, are shown in the financial statements of that company. The directors who held office at the end of the financial period had the following interests in the shares of Executive Holdings Limited according to the register of directors' interests:

	Class of shares	Interest at end of period	Interest at start of period
J Flanagan	"A" Ordinary	15,625	15,132
D Noel	"A" Ordinary	13,125	12,500
D Hylton	"A" Ordinary	13,125	12,500

#### **YEAR 2000**

Following their initial review, the directors continue to be alert to the potential risks and uncertainties surrounding the year 2000 issue. As at the date of this report, the directors are not aware of any significant factors which have arisen, or that may arise, which will affect the activities of the business. The directors continue to monitor the situation but do not anticipate any significant future costs associated with the year 2000 issue.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### **EMPLOYEES**

Disabled employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective attitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled employees should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

Employee consultation

The company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued its previous practice of keeping them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the company.

#### **AUDITORS**

During the period, Deloitte & Touche replaced KPMG as auditors of the company. In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of Deloitte & Touche as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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

Sean Taylor

Company Secretary

9 Amoust 2000



#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the group and company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group 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;
- 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 keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and of the group and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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# AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 22 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 10 and 11.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and 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 affairs of the company and the group as at 27 February 2000 and of the group's loss for the period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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9 August 2000



# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Period ended 27 February 2000

	Note	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
<b>TURNOVER - continuing operations</b> Cost of sales	2	32,906 (26,541)	27,542 (21,913)
GROSS PROFIT		6,365	5,629
Administrative expenses		(5,779)	(4,881)
OPERATING PROFIT – continuing operations		586	748
Interest receivable and similar income	6	(202)	7
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(392)	(404)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	194	351
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(284)	(132)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(90)	219
Dividends	9	(592)	(138)
Retained (loss)/profit for the period	19	(682)	81

The profit and loss account shows the entire gains and losses of the company for the current and prior periods.

# **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET** 27 February 2000

	Note	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	1,082	1,829
Intangible assets	11	6,070	6,399
		7,152	8,228
CURRENT ASSETS	10		
Stocks Debtors	13	32	53
Cash at bank and in hand	14	5,397	4,997
Cash at bank and in hand			1,024
		6,211	6,074
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
within one year	15	(6,280)	(7,172)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(69)	(1,098)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,083	7,130
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			
after more than one year	16	(2,776)	(3,642)
NET ASSETS		4,307	3,488
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		-	·
Called up share capital	18	131	127
Share premium	19	4,359	2,862
Profit and loss account	19	(183)	499
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20	4,307	3,488
Analysis of shareholders' funds			
Equity interests		4,307	738
Non-equity interests		-	2,750
		4,307	3,488
		1,507	J,700

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on

9/8 2000.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

S Taylor

Director

# BALANCE SHEET 27 February 2000

	Note	£'000	2000 £'000	£'000	1999 £'000
FIXED ASSETS Investments	12		100		100
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	14	7,874		7,930	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,923)		(1,824)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			5,951		6,106
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			6,051		6,206
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	16		(2,525)		(3,210)
NET ASSETS			3,526		2,996
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					-
Called up share capital	18		131		127
Share premium account Profit and loss account	19 19		4,359 (964)		2,862 7
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			3,526		2,996
Analysis of shareholders' funds					
Equity interests Non-equity interests			3,526		246 2,750
			3,526		2,996

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Director

# Deloitte & Touche

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT Period ended 27 February 2000

	Note	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
Cash inflow from operating activities	23	667	1,326
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	24	(484)	(535)
Taxation		(100)	(523)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	24	220	(1,087)
Acquisitions and disposals	24	(79)	(2,549)
Equity dividends paid		(500)	-
Financing	24	699	3,653
Increase in cash in the period		423	285
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement i	n net debt		
	Note	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
Increase in cash in the period		423	285
Cash outflow/(inflow) from increase in debt and lease financing		808	(3,659)
Movement in net debt in the period  Net debt at the start of the period		1,231 (5,186)	(3,374) (1,812)
Net debt at the end of the period	25	(3,955)	(5,186)

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

#### 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 on the going concern basis in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 27 February 2000.

Unless otherwise stated, the acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of the subsidiary undertaking acquired or disposed of in the period are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

Goodwill arising on consolidation (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) is capitalised and amortised over a period of 20 years. Any excess of the fair value of the separable net assets acquired over the fair value of the consideration given (negative goodwill) is credited direct to reserves.

In the company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less any impairment in value.

Under section 230(4) of the Companies Act 1985 Executive Holdings Limited is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account. During the period, Executive Holdings Limited made a loss of £971,000 (1999: loss of £168,000).

#### Fixed assets and depreciation

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

Fixtures and fittings - 20% per annum

Motor vehicles - 25% reducing balance

Plant and machinery - 25% per annum

No depreciation is provided on freehold property.

## Post-retirement benefits

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged against profits represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

#### Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.



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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **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.

#### Turnover

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

## 2. ANALYSIS OF TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation was derived entirely in the United Kingdom from the principal activity of the company.

#### 3. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

	from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration:		
Group - Audit	21	27
- Other services	4	22
Company - Audit	3	3
- Other services	1	2
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	<b>7</b> 3	19
Depreciation - Owned	338	282
Depreciation - Held under finance leases	80	145
Amortisation of goodwill	408	292
Rentals payable under operating leases - plant and machinery	290	253

#### 4. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS

	Period from 4 January	12 months
	1999 to 27 February 2000	ended 3 January 1999
	£'000	£'000
Directors' emoluments	499	510
Pension contributions		
	528	529

## 4 REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS (continued)

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the highest paid director were £124,000 (1999: £158,000). During the period, pension contributions of £5,312 were paid in respect of the highest paid director.

Four directors were members of the money purchase pension scheme at the period end (1999: 5)

## 5. STAFF NUMBERS AND COSTS

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

Number of employees	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000	12 months ended 3 January 1999
	2.141	2.000
Direct Sales	3,141 8	3,880 7
Administrative	95	93
	3,244	3,980
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	Period	
	from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
Wages and salaries	25,084	20,577
Social security costs	1,526	1,275
Other pension costs	73	
	26,683	21,931
OTHER INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
Other interest receivable		7

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

## 7. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	Period from 4 January 1999 to 27 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
On bank loans and overdrafts Finance charges payable in respect of finance leases	378	376
and hire purchase contracts	14	28
	392	404

## 8. TAXATION

	Period from 4 January 1999 to 29 February 2000 £'000	12 months ended 3 January 1999 £'000
UK corporation tax at 30% (1999: 31%)	246	104
Under provision in prior years	38	28
	284	132

The tax charge is high due to under provided corporation tax in the prior period and a high level of disallowed expenditure for tax purposes, including goodwill amortisation of £408,000, in the current period.

## 9. DIVIDENDS

	Period from 4	
	January 1999 to 29	12 months ended 3
	February	January
	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Dividends on equity shares - paid	500	-
Preference dividends - paid	92	138
	592	138

## 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and	Fixtures, fittings and	Motor	
Group	£'000	machinery £'000	equipment £'000	vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost:					
At 4 January 1999	324	1,581	874	924	3,703
Additions	14	142	100	9	265
Disposals	(87)	(398)	(38)	(791)	(1,314)
At 27 February 2000	251	1,325	936	142	2,654
Depreciation:					
At 4 January 1999	1	1,066	476	331	1,874
Charge for the period	-	232	138	48	418
Disposals	(1)	(398)	(39)	(282)	(720)
At 27 February 2000		900	575	97	1,572
Net book value					
At 27 February 2000	251	425	361	45	1,082
At 3 January 1999	323	515	398	593	1,829

Included in the total net book value of fixed assets is £167,000 (1999: £614,000) in respect of assets held under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts. Depreciation for the period on these assets was £80,000 (1999: £145,000).

## 11. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group	Goodwill £'000
At 4 January 1999 Adjustment to goodwill arising on previous period's acquisition of Executive	6,947
Cleaning Services Limited	<del>79</del>
At 27 February 2000	7,026
Amortisation	•••
At 4 January 1999 Charge for the period	548 408
At 27 February 2000	956
Net book value	6.070
At 27 February 2000	6,070
At 3 January 1999	6,399

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

## 12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

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Company			,	group indertakings £'000
Cost At 4 January 1999 and 27 February 2000				100
Name of subsidiary	Principal activity	Class of shar		Percentage of Shares held
Executive Group Limited	Industrial and office cleaning contractor	•		100%
Executive Cleaning Services Limited	Dormant	Ordinary		100%
Galtair Investments Limited	Dormant	Ordinary		100%
Executive Healthcare Services Limited	Dormant	Ordinary		100%
Executive Security Limited	Dormant	Ordinary		100%
Imperial Cleaning Services Group Ltd	Dormant	Ordinary		100%
STOCKS	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	1999 Company £'000
Consumables	32	-	53	-
DEBTORS				
	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	
Unpaid share capital	_	_	55	55
Trade debtors	4,200	-	4,056	
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-,200	7,874	.,	7,875
Other debtors	26	-	6	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,171	-	880	_

All debtors are expected to be recoverable within one year of the period end.

## 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	1999 Company £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,891	1,873	2,377	1,721
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchases				
contracts	70	-	191	-
Trade creditors	324	-	853	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	14	-	-	-
Corporation tax	227	-	70	-
Other taxation and social security	1,836	-	1,635	17
Accruals and deferred income	1,918	50	2,046	86
·	6,280	1,923	7,172	1,824

## 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	1999 Company £'000
Bank loans Obligations under finance leases and him numbers	2,665	2,525	3,372	3,210
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	111	<u> </u>	270	
	2,776	2,525	3,642	3,210

Bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a debenture undertaking over the trade and assets of the company and cross guarantees provided by the subsidiaries of the group. Interest on the bank loan is charged at 2% above base rate.

#### 16. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR (continued)

Analysis of debt:	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	1999 Group £'000
Debt can be analysed as falling due:				
In one year or less, or on demand	1,891	1,873	2,377	1,721
Between one and two years	736	700	493	475
Between two and five years	1,929	1,825	2,789	2,735
After five years	-		90	
	4,556	4,398	5,749	4,931

The maturity of obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts is as follows:

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Within one year	70	191
In the second to fifth years	111	270
	181	461

#### **17.** DEFERRED TAXATION

The amount of deferred tax assets/(liabilities) not provided are set out below:

	2000 Group £'000	2000 Company £'000	1999 Group £'000	1999 Group £'000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and				
amortisation and capital allowances	6	-	14	•
Other timing differences	3	-	(23)	-
	9		(9)	-



#### 18. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Authorised:	* 000	2 000
Equity shares		
120,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	•	120
42,906 "A" Ordinary shares of £1 each	43	-
87,953 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each	88	-
5,709,400 "C" Ordinary shares of 0.01p each	1	-
Non-equity		
2,750,000 Redeemable cumulative preference shares of 1p each	-	27
	132	147
Allotted, called up		
Equity shares		
"A" Ordinary shares of £1 each	43	43
"B" Ordinary shares of £1 each	87	57
"C" Ordinary shares of 0.01p each	1	-
Non-equity		
Redeemable cumulative preference shares of 1p each	<del></del>	27
	131	127
Fully paid		<u> </u>
Equity shares		
"A" Ordinary shares of £1 each	43	43
"B" Ordinary shares of £1 each	87	2
"C" Ordinary shares of 0.01p each	. 1	_
Non-equity	_	
Redeemable cumulative preference shares of 1p each		27
	131	72

"A" shares and "B" shares rank pari passu. Each "C" ordinary share shall confer upon the holder thereof the right to vote (expressed as a fraction) per such share as is represented by x where x is equal to 57,094 divided by the aggregate of the total number of "B" and "C" ordinary shares in issue. On a dividend being declared in respect of all the ordinary shares in the company, each of the "C" ordinary shares shall confer upon the respective holder thereof the right to receive an identical proportion of the dividend so declared as is equal to the proportion of the total voting rights on a poll attaching to all of the ordinary shares of all classes of ordinary share in the capital of the company which is attributable to each "C" ordinary share on the date upon which such dividend is declared.

During the period, 30,288 "B" shares and 5,709,400 "C" shares were allotted for consideration of £4,306,000. In addition, 27,500 preference shares were redeemed for consideration and costs of £2,751,000.

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

## 19. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES

	Grou	P
	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At beginning of period	2,862	499
Redemption of existing share capital	(2,723)	-
Issue of new share capital	4,220	-
Retained loss for the period	<u> </u>	(682)
At end of period	4,359	(183)
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	Share premium account £'000	Profit and loss account £'000
At beginning of period	2,862	7
Redemption of existing share capital	(2,723)	-
Issue of new share capital	4,220	-
Retained loss for the period	-	(971)
	4,359	(964)



## 20. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN CONSOLIDATED SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Opening shareholders funds	3,488	3,407
(Loss)/profit for the financial period	(90)	219
Dividends paid	(592)	(138)
Redemption of share capital	(2,884)	-
New share capital subscribed	4,385	
Closing shareholders' funds	4,307	3,488

## 21. COMMITMENTS

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

	2000		1999	
Group	Land and buildings £'000	Other £'000	Land and buildings £'000	Other £'000
Operating leases which expire:				
Within one year	-	281	-	43
In the second to fifth years inclusive	•	389	149	31
Over five years	-	-	18	-
		670	167	74

## Company

The company has no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases (1999:£nil).

### 22. PENSION SCHEME

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £73,000 (1999: £79,000). There were no amounts outstanding at the end of the period.

## 23. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO OPEATING CASH FLOWS

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
	£ 000	£ 000
Operating profit	586	748
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	<b>7</b> 3	19
Depreciation charge	418	427
Amortisation of goodwill	408	292
Decrease in stocks	21	9
Increase in debtors	(397)	(686)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(442)	517
Net cash inflow from operations	667	1,326

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# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Period ended 27 February 2000

# 24. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS

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		£'000	£'000
Returns on investment and servicing of finance			
Interest received (see note 6)		-	7
Interest paid (see note 7)		(378)	(376)
Preference dividend paid (see note 9)		(92)	(138)
Interest element of finance lease rental payments (see note 7)	-	(14)	(28)
	-	(484)	(535)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(265)	(1,193)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	_	485	106
		220	(1,087)
	-	2000	1999
Acquisition and disposals		£'000	£'000
Purchase of subsidiary undertakings		_	(1,781)
Overdraft acquired with subsidiary		-	(768)
Deferred consideration paid	_	(79)	
		(79)	(2,549)
	=	2000	1999
Financing		£'000	£'000
Issue of share capital		4,306	-
Redemption of share capital		(2,799)	_
New borrowings		179	4,003
Repayment of borrowings		(707)	(350)
Capital element of finance lease rental payments		(280)	<u> </u>
	•	699	3,653
ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT	•	<del></del>	
AWALISES OF NET DEDI	At		
	beginning		At end of
	of period	Cash	period
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cash in hand, at bank	1,024	(242)	782
Overdrafts	(1,884)	665	(1,219)
Net overdraft	(860)	423	(437)
Debt due within one year	(493)	179	(672)
Debt due after one year	(3,372)	(707)	(2,665)
Finance leases	(461)	(280)	(181)
Total	(5,186)	(1,231)	(3,955)
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#### 26. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of the exemption which is conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 "Related Party Transactions" that allows it not to disclose transactions with group undertakings that are eliminated on consolidation.

## 27. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent of the company is Servest Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain. The ultimate parent and controlling party is Servest Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in South Africa. Copies of the accounts of both entities can be obtained from 372 Wandsworth Road, London, SW8 4TE.