COMPANY NUMBER 3452645

OAKBASE PLC AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1999

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Number 3452645

Directors P. E. Mizon

M. Grundy P. E. Hartley

Secretary N. T. Helsby

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1. To receive and, if thought fit, adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 1999.
- 2. To re-appoint auditors.
- 3. To transact any other business.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

N.T. Helsby Secretary

25 August 1999

A member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 1999.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company of a group of advertising, printing and property holding companies.

On 1st April 1999 the company commenced to trade as an advertising and design company.

BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The group's balance sheet as detailed on Page 6 shows a satisfactory position with shareholders funds amounting to £721,996.

On 14th October 1998, by special resolution, the company re-registered as a public limited company.

On 31st March 1999 the company acquired 15% of the issued share capital of Hartley Nock Walker Limited for a cash consideration of £13,600, loan stock issued to the value of £19,920 and shares issued to the value of £44,416.

On 31st March 1999 the company acquired 30% of the issued share capital of Axys Limited for a cash consideration of £2,500 and shares issued to the value of £10,825.

On 14th May 1999 the company acquired 25% of the issued share capital of Trafford Marketing and Advertising Limited for a cash consideration of £1.

On 1st April 1999 the company acquired the trade, assets and liabilities of Axys Limited, Hartley Nock Walker Limited, Oakbase Group Limited and Trafford Marketing and Advertising Limited. Assets and liabilities were acquired at net book value.

The directors consider that the company is well-placed to take advantage of opportunities arising in the future.

DIVIDEND

The Board do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year.

FIXED ASSETS

Details of tangible fixed assets are shown in note 7 to the financial statements.

POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

No political contributions were made during the year. Charitable contributions amounted to less than £200.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTINUED....)

DIRECTORS

The Directors of the Company during the year and their interests in the Company's share capital were as follows:-

Ip (Irdinary shares
	At End
	of year
P.E. Mizon	2,530,206
M. Grundy	2,530,206
P.E. Hartley	1,142,992

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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. 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;
- 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 safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

The auditors, Voisey & Co, will be proposed for re-appointment in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

N.T. Helsby Secretary

Address of Registered Office:

25 August 1999

Oakbase House Trafford Street Chester CH1 3HP

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GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

TURNOVER	Notes	1999 £ 4,851,921	1998 £ 1,085,606
GROUP OPERATING PROFIT	2	148,336	27,578
Investment income	4	3,691	9,980
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(31,631)	(9,947)
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		120,396	27,611
Taxation	6	(24,736)	(9,785)
PROFIT AFTER TAXATION		95,660	17,826
Minority Interest		(9,502)	(4,479)
			
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO OAKBASE PLC			
AND RETAINED	15	86,158	13,347

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the Company's activities were acquired during the year as explained at Note 17.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The Company had no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the current year.

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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GROUP BALANCE SHEET

			1999		1998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	_		0.55 4.54		
Tangible assets	7		853,422		800,196
Intangible assets	8		125,734		140,104
Investments	9		20		20
			979,176		940,320
CURRENT ASSETS			,		,
Stocks	10	104,099		42,813	
Debtors	11	1,031,361		904,111	
Cash at bank and in hand		605,587		549,528	
				·	
		1,741,047		1,496,452	
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Creditors - amounts falling					
due within one year	12	(1,711,709)		(1,460,907)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			29,338		25 5 45
NET CORRENT ASSETS			29,338		35,545
TOTAL ASSETS LESS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,008,514		975,865
Creditors - amounts falling					
due after more than one year	12		(285,714)		(310,827)
Provisions for liabilities and charges			(804)		-
3					
			721.007		665.020
			721,996		665,038
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	14		76,151		70,468
Share premium account	15		536,104		486,546
Capital reserve	15		10,236		-
Profit and loss account	15		99,505		13,347
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			721,996		570,361
Minority interest			141,770		94,677
rimority interest					94,077
			721,996		665,038

The notes on pages 9 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on . 25 August 1999

P.E. Mizon, Director

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

		199	99		1998
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Investments	9		867,729		773,786
			867,729		773,786
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors - amounts falling					
due within one year	12	((255,474)		(216,772)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS		-			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			612,255		557,014
		•			
			612,255		557,014
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		=		•	
Called up share capital	14		76,151		70,468
Share premium account	15		536,104		486,546
		-			
			612,255		557,014
		=			

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Approved by the Board of Directors on 25 August 1999

P.E. Mizon, Director

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Matas	£	1999 £	£	1998
NET CASH INFLOW FROM	Notes	£	£	£	£
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	18		321,977		39,854
RETURNS ON INVESTMENT AND					
SERVICING OF FINANCE					
Interest received	4	3,691		9,980	
Interest paid	4	(31,631)		(9,947)	
NET CASH INFLOW FROM RETURN	IS ON				
INVESTMENT AND SERVICING OF F	INANCE		(27,940)		33
TAXATION			(19,368)		(6,880)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT					
Purchase of subsidiary					
undertakings (net of cash and					
cash equivalent)	18	(93,943)		(773,786)	
Purchase of tangible	_	(40# 540)		(*****	
fixed assets	7	(187,512)		(55,199)	
Receipts from sale of tangible fixed assets		105,140		22,062	
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM CAPIT EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INV			(176,315)		(806,923)
EAFEIDITURE AND FINANCIAL INV	ESTIVIENT		(170,515)		(000,923)
NET CASH INCLOSURALIZED ON DEL	CODE LICE OF	LIQUID			
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) BEI RESOURCES AND FINANCING	FORE USE OF	LIQUID	98,354		(773,916)
			•		, , ,
FINANCING		55 241		557.014	
New shares issued New long term secured bank loans		55,241		557,014 110,399	
Repayment of bank loans		(20,498)		(3,148)	
Repayment of finance lease borrowings		(42,034)		11,164	
Unsecured loan notes issued		19,120		-	
			11,829		675,429
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH	10		110 100		(00.405)
IN THE PERIOD	18		110,183		(98,487)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

- 1.1. Basis of Accounting: The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the historical cost accounting rules except for freehold property which is stated at valuation. Profits or losses arising on the disposal of items stated at valuation are determined by reference to the difference between the valuation and the sale proceeds. No separate profit and loss account is presented for the company, as provided by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985..
- 1.2. Basis of Consolidation: The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the company and its subsidiary undertakings. Intra-group profits are eliminated on consolidation. Profits and losses of companies entering or leaving the group are included from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal. The net assets subsidiaries acquired are included on the basis of their fair value at the date of acquisition being the earlier of the date consideration passes or an offer is declared unconditional. Goodwill on acquisition of subsidiary undertakings is capitalised and amortised over a period of 10 years.
- 1.3. Associated Undertakings: The group's associated undertakings are all undertakings in which the group has 20% or more of the equity voting rights held as a long term investment over which it exerts significant influence. The group's share of retained profit less losses is included in the group profit and loss account. The group's share of retained profit and other reserves since acquisition is added to the residual cost of investment in the group balance sheet. The group's share of profits arising on trading between the group and associated undertakings has been eliminated.
- 1.4. Depreciations: Depreciation of fixed assets is charged by equal annual instalments commencing with the year of acquisition at rates estimated to write off their cost or valuation less any residual over their expected useful economic lives as follows:-

Land Nil
Freehold buildings 2% straight line
Plant and machinery 30% straight line
Motor vehicles 25%-50% straight line
Fixtures and fittings 15%-30% straight line

- 1.5. Stocks: Stocks are valued at the lower cost and net realisable value. Cost is computed on a first in first out basis. The cost of work in progress and finished goods includes all production overheads. Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less the estimated cost of disposal.
- 1.6. Deferred Taxation: Deferred taxation is provided in respect of the taxation effect of all timing differences to the extent that tax liabilities are likely to crystallise or tax assets are expected to be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

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- 1.7. Pension Arrangements: Several of the companies within the group operate defined contributions pension schemes in respect of employees. The assets of the schemes are held in separately administered funds from the other assets of the group. The charge to the profit and loss account represents the contributions to the schemes in the year.
- 1.8. Operating and Finance Leases: Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term in arriving at the operating profit or loss. Tangible fixed assets acquired under hire purchase contracts are capitalised at the estimated fair value at the date of inception of each lease or contract and depreciated over the expected useful life of the asset concerned. The finance charges are allocated over the period of the lease on a straight line basis.

2.	GROUP OPERATING PROFIT		11 weeks trading to
		1999	31 st March 1998
		£	£
	Turnover	4,851,921	1,085,606
	Cost of sales	(3,655,723)	(900,674)
	Gross profit	1,196,198	184,932
	Administration expenses	(1,047,862)	(157,354)
			-
	Operating profit	148,336	27,578
		 	
	Costs and expenses include the following:-		
	Depreciation - assets owned	97,966	31,716
	 assets held under lease 	36,097	8,955
	Amortisation of goodwill	14,370	3,592
	Staff costs (see note 3)	561,449	225,791
	Auditors' remuneration	12,000	3,000

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3.	STAFF COSTS (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS)		11 weeks
		1999	trading to 31 st March 1998
	***	£	£
	Wages and salaries	801,900	198,720
	Social security costs Other pension costs	79,376 35,124	18,746 8,325
	Other pension costs		
		916,400	225,791
	Average number employed:	Number	Number
	Production	16	14
	Administrative	24	30
		40	44
		<u></u>	
	Directors emoluments	£	£
	Remuneration: Executive Directors		
	- Salaries	201,514	39,257
	- Pension contributions	15,893	3,950
	- Benefits	22,765	4,956
		240,172	48,163
		240,172	40,103
	Emoluments (excluding social security and pension contributions):		**************************************
	Highest paid director	77,627	15,487
	riigilest paid director	———	15,487
	Other Directors:	Number	Number
	£10,001 - £15,000	_	1
	£15,001 - £20,000	-	1
	£60,001 - £65,001	1	-
	£75,001 - £80,000	1	-
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	£	£
	Bank interest	3,556	9,433
	Other interest	135	547
			
		3,691	9,980

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		,	·		1999 31s	11 weeks trading to ^t March 1998
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND S Bank loans, overdrafts and loans	IMILAR CHARGI	ES		£	£
	wholly repayable within five year	rs			526	2,347
	Bank loans - partly repayable wit			2	25,228	6,340
	Hire purchase and lease interest	•			5,877	1,260
				-	1,631	9,947
		•		=	===	
6.	TAXATION		,		£	£
	Corporation tax on profits for the	period at 21%		2	2,564	10,980
	Deferred tax provided	•			804	805
	Corporation tax recoverable from	prior years		((1,000)	(2,000)
	Underprovision in previous years				2,368	-
				-		0.705
	÷			=	4,736 ——	9,785
7.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS				Office Equipment	
		Freehold land	Plant and	Motor	fixtures	
7.1	GROUP SUMMARY	and buildings	machinery	vehicles	and fittings	Total
	ATT COCT OR VIAT MATERIAL	£	£	£	£	£
	AT COST OR VALUATION	500,000	222 000	210.260	212 505	1 245 044
	At 1st April 1998 Additions	300,000	222,990 33,746	310,369 189,480	312,585 29,165	1,345,944 252,391
	Disposals	_	33,740	(212,949)	29,103	(212,949)
	Disposais					
	At 31st March 1999	500,000	256,736	286,900	341,750	1,385,386
	A. 1 . 1000	500,000				500,000
	At valuation 1998 At cost	500,000	256 726	286 000	241 7750	500,000
			256,736	286,900	341,750	885,386
	DEPRECIATION					
	At 1st April 1998	1,500	170,638	156,636	216,974	545,748
	Charge for the period	7,000	29,040	63,254	34,769	134,063
	Adjustments on disposal			(147,847)		(147,847)
	At 31st March 1999	8,500	199,678	72,043	251,743	531,964
	NET BOOK AMOUNT					
	At 31st March 1999	491,500	57,058	214,857	90,007	853,422
	At 31 st March 1998	498,500	52,352	153,733	95,611	800,196
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7.2	HISTORICAL COST OF PROPERTIES Historical cost Depreciation		£ 134,007 (13,439)
	Historical cost net book amount		120,568
7.3	LEASED ASSETS		
	The Group net book amount of tangible fixed assets includes £139,215 (1998 £85,175) in under finance leases and hire purchase contracts.	respect o	f assets held
7.4	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORISED AND COMMITTED	1999	1998
	Contracts placed Authorised, but contracts not placed	NIL NIL	NIL NIL
8.	INTANGIBLE ASSETS		Goodwill
	AT COST At 31st March 1998 and at 31st March 1999		£ 143,696
	AMORTISATION At 31st March 1998 Charge for period		3,592 14,370
	At 31st March 1999		17,962
	NET BOOK AMOUNT At 31st March 1999		125,734
	At 31st March 1998		140,104

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9. FIXED	ASSET INVESTMENTS	Investments in
		Associated
9.1 GROUP		Undertakings
		£
At 31st M	1arch 1998 and 31st March 1999	20
9.2 HOLDI	NG COMPANY	
		Investments in
		Subsidiary
		Undertakings
		£
At 31st N	farch 1998	773,786
Acquisit	on of subsidiary undertakings (see note 17)	93,943
At 31st M	farch 1999	867,729

9.3 SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The company held ordinary shares in the following companies registered in England:-

Oakbase Group Ltd	Proportion Held 100%	Nature of Business Holding company and management services
Axys Ltd	30%	Advertising Agency
Hartley Nock Walker Ltd	15%	Advertising Agency
Subsidiaries of Oakbase Group Ltd		
Axys Ltd	70%	Advertising Agency
Hartley Nock Walker Ltd	85%	Advertising Agency
Oakbase Management Consultants Ltd	100%	Property Holding
Trafford Marketing and Advertising Ltd	75%	Advertising Agency
Creative Associates Ltd	100%	Dormant
Grosvenor Communications Ltd	100%	Dormant

9.4 ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS

The company has a 20% investment via its subsidiary Oakbase Group Limited in Hamilton Conferences Limited, a conference organisation operating in England.

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10.	STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS GROUP			1999 £	1998 £
	Work in progress			104,099	42,813
11.	DEBTORS			C	c
	GROUP Trade debtors			£ 958,134	£ 861,589
	Prepayments and accrued income			70,817	40,522
	Corporation tax recoverable			1,010	2,000
	Other debtor			1,400	-
				1,031,361	904,111
12.	CREDITORS	Amou	nts Falling Due	Amounts .	Falling Due
			iin One Year		Than Ōne Year
12.1	GROUP	1999	1998	1999	1998
		£	£	£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	446,019	492,573	250,242	278,310
	Unsecured loan notes	19,120	<u>-</u>	-	<u>-</u>
	Obligations under hire purchase contracts	49,313	29,423	35,472	32,517
	Trade creditors	728,758	598,362	-	-
	Corporation tax	22,564	17,000	_	-
	Other taxation and social security Accruals and deferred income	100,096	79,585 243,964	•	-
	Accidats and deferred income	345,839	243,904	-	
		1,711,709	1,460,907	285,714	310,827
12.2	HOLDING COMPANY SUMMARY				falling due one year
				1999	1998
				£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts			232,872	216,772
	Unsecured loan notes			19,120	-
	Accruals and deferred income			3,482	-
				255,474	216,772
	-				

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12.3 SECURITIES FOR BORROWINGS

The bank loans and overdrafts are secured by fixed and floating charges over the Group's assets, supported by certain intragroup guarantees and guarantees by the parent company of subsidiary undertaking borrowings.

The unsecured loan notes carry interest at 3% above the base rate of the Royal Bank of Scotland and they are repayable at the discretion of the company subsequent to 1st November 1999 and by the note holder subsequent to 6th April 2000.

12.4 GROUP BORROWINGS REPAYABLE BY INSTALMENTS

,	Group	Group
	1999	1998
	£	£
Falling due within one year:		
Bank overdrafts	419,908	474,032
Bank loans	26,111	18,541
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	49,313	29,423
Unsecured loan notes	19,120	_
	514,452	521,996
Between one and two years:		
Bank loans	28,138	20,380
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	20,568	24,433
Between two and five years:		
Bank loans	104,342	74,102
Obligations under hire purchase contracts	14,904	8,084
After more than five years:		
Bank loans	117,762	183,828
*		
	205 51.4	410.005
,	285,714	310,827
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TOTAL REPAYABLE BY INSTALMENTS	799,626	832,823

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13.	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES					
	GROUP	I	1999		1998	
		Potential	Amounts	Potential	Amounts	
		Liability	Provided	Liability	Provided	
		£	£	£	£	
	Taxation deferred by capital allowances	804	804	Nil	Nil	
	The potential liability and provision are based or	a corporation tax ra	te of 21%.			

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The directors are of the opinion that any gain realised by the sale of the revalued property at its valuation would be deferred by reason of rollover relief.

	deferred by reason of rollover relief.				
14.	SHARE CAPITAL		Authorised	C	Called Up and Fully Paid
		No. of		No. of	
		Shares	£	Shares	£
	1999				
	1p Ordinary Shares	10,000,000	100,000	7,615,063	76,151
	1998				
	Ip Ordinary Shares	10,000,000	100,000	7,046,806	70,468
	568,257 shares were issued at a premium of 9.72 undertakings acquired.	p each on 31°	' March 1999 in	consideration	for subsidiary
15.	RESERVES		Capital	Share	Profit and
			Reserve	premium	loss account
			£	£	£
15.1	GROUP SUMMARY				
	At 31st March 1998		_	486 546	13 347

15.	RESERVES	Сарна	snare	ггоји апа
		Reserve	premium	loss account
		£	£	£
15.1	GROUP SUMMARY		-	
1011	At 31st March 1998		486,546	13,347
		-	-	15,547
	Share premium arising on issue of shares	-	49,558	_
	Profit for the period	-	-	86,158
	Capital reserve arising on acquisition of			
	Subsidiary undertaking	10,236	-	-
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	At 31st March 1999	10,236	536,104	99,505
			====	
15.2	HOLDING COMPANY		Share	Profit and
			premium	loss account
			£	£
	At 31st March 1998		486,546	_
	Share premium arising on issue of shares		49,558	-
	At 31st March 1999		536,104	_
			*****	·

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16.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1999	1998
		£	£
	Profit for the period	86,158	13,347
	New share capital issued	5,683	70,468
	Share premium on shares issued	49,558	486,546
	Capital reserve arising on acquisition of		
	subsidiary undertaking	10,236	-
			
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	151,635	570,361
	Opening shareholders' funds	570,361	-
	Closing equity shareholders' funds	721,996	570,361
17.	EQUITY MINORITY INTERESTS	1999	1998
		£	£
	At 31st March 1998	94,677	-
	On acquired subsidiary undertaking	, <u>-</u>	90,198
	Minorities share of profit for the period	9,502	
	Elimination of minority interest on acquisition		
	by holding company	(104,179)	4,479
			
	At 31st March 1999	-	94,677

17.1 POST ACQUISITION RESULTS

On 31st March 1999 the company acquired 15% of the share capital of Hartley Nock Walker Limited and 30% of the share capital of Axys Limited. Since these accounts are the year ended 31st March 1999 there are no post-acquisition results.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED....)

17.2 PRE-ACQUISITION RESULTS

The trading results of the companies in the period to the date of acquisition are summarised below:

	Hartley Nock	
	Walker Ltd	Axys Ltd
	£	£
Turnover	2,974,687	1,869,335
Operating profit	12,502	34,655
Interest payable	(109)	(14,618)
Interest receivable	15,001	123
	-	
Profit before taxation	27,394	20,160
Taxation	(3,975)	(196)
Retained profit for the period	23,419	19,964
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17.3 ANALYSIS OF BUSINESSES ACQUIRED

Acquisition of subsidiary undertakings in period was to eliminate minority interest as majority of the share capital was already owned by the group. The net assets acquired were already shown on the group balance sheet and this acquisition only removed minority interest.

18. CASH FLOW

18.1	RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET		
	CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1999	1998
		£	£
	Operating profit	148,336	27,578
	Depreciation charges	134,063	40,671
	Amortisation	14,370	3,592
	(Profit) on sale of fixed assets	(40,038)	(13,310)
	(Increase)/Decrease in work in progress	(61,286)	18,953
	(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(126,250)	77,818
	Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	252,782	(115,448)
	Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	321,977	39,854

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18.2	ANALYSIS OF THE NET CASH OUTFLOW AND CASH EQUIVALENTS IN RESPECT O PURCHASE OF SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKI	F THE		1999	1998
	Cash consideration Cash at bank and in hand of equal undertakings Bank overdrafts of acquired subsidiary undertakin Bank loan of acquired subsidiary undertakings	gs		£ 19,582 - - -	£ 21,677 (586,734) 412,751 189,600
	Net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in respect of the purchase of subsidiaries			19,582	37,294
18.3	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT	At I st April 1998 £	Cash Flows £	Non-cash Flows £	At 31 st March 1999 £
	Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdrafts	549,528 (474,032)	56,059 54,124	-	605,587 (419,908)
		75,496	110,183		185,679
	Loans Finance leases and hire purchase contracts Unsecured Ioan notes	(296,851) (61,940)	20,498 42,034 (19,120)	- (64,879) -	(276,353) (84,785) (19,120)
		(283,295)	153,595	(64,879)	(194,579)
18.4	ANALYSIS OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT			1999 £	1998 £
	Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year Cash Outflow/(Inflow) from change in net debt			110,183 43,412	(98,487) (184,808)
	Change in net funds			153,595	(283,295)
	New finance leases			(64,879)	
	Decrease/(Increase) in net debt in the year			88,716	(283,295)
	Net debt 1st April 1998			(283,295)	-
	Net debt 31st March 1999			(194,579)	(283,295)

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19. PENSION COMMITMENTS

Several of the companies within the group operate defined contributions Pension Schemes. The assets of the Scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable within the group to the fund and amounted to £35,124 (1998 £8,325). No contributions were outstanding at the balance sheet date.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF OAKBASE PLC

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 21 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 8 and 9.

Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

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

Basis of Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and Group at 31st March 1999 and of the profit for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

8 Winmarleigh Street, WARRINGTON, WA1 1JW

27H Angust 1999

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