

Report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

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### **Directors and advisers**

### **Directors**

James Greenbury Ian Pain Michael Stone Alan Whelan

### **Company secretary**

Robert Warner

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### Registered number

5026914

### **Directors' report**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### Principal activity

The company's continuing activity is the provision of mail services

#### Review of the business

DX Network Services Limited ('DX') is the UK's leading independent provider of early morning, next day business to business mail and parcel services, 17,000 companies use the Document Exchange or DX mail and parcel services to send time critical mail

DX handles over one million items every working day, operating a nationwide, end-to-end collection and delivery network across England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Isle of Wight

On 23 August 2006, it was announced that the offer made by DX Holdings Limited (then Mail Acquisitions Limited) to acquire the whole of the share capital of the parent company had been declared unconditional. As a result, the company is now owned by the DX group, which also acquired Secure Mail Services Limited ('SMS'), a specialist mail company supplying timely, secure and bespoke nationwide collection and delivery solutions for valuable mail and small parcels to a wide range of businesses.

The acquisition represents a positive and confident step towards securing an exciting new future under a new ownership structure. There is a compelling strategic logic in bringing together DX and SMS to create the leading independent end-to-end UK postal operator.

The combination of DX and SMS will deliver significant benefits such as

- further improvement to the range and quality of services offered to customers,
- · more extensive coverage through an expanded delivery network, and
- increased volumes for key business partners and suppliers and the creation of new opportunities for employees

In addition, in the wake of the recent industry deregulation, the enlarged group will be well positioned as customers move to use alternatives to Royal Mail

The enlarged group has a combined annual turnover of £175 million, approximately 1,700 employees and handles over 270 million items of mail per year

The main commercial risks that the business currently faces are

Risk	How the risk is managed
Competition from Royal Mail and other mail providers	By providing high levels of service quality at competitive prices and maintaining strong relationships with major customers
	The bringing together of the company with Secure Mail Services Limited provides the opportunity of offering a wider range of competitive services to existing and new customers. The first of these services, SecureDX, was launched at the end of March 2007.
The challenges of operating in a highly regulated environment	By implementing processes within the network and a rigorous programme of mail integrity audits

#### The environment

DX is committed to being an environmentally responsible company and aims to manage its activities in line with environmental legislation and to minimize the impact on the environment

#### **Directors' report**

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year after taxation was £15 0 million (2006 £12 6 million), after charging exceptional costs of £1 1 million (2006 £nil) and goodwill amortisation of £4 2 million (2006 £4 2 million) The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend

#### Share capital

The company's authorised and issued share capital are shown in note 16 to the financial statements

#### **Directors**

The directors at the end of the year and at the date of signing were as follows

James GreenburyChief Executiveappointed 30 August 2006Ian PainChief Financial Officerappointed 20 December 2006Michael StoneChief Operating Officerappointed 24 November 2006Alan WhelanSales and Marketing Directorappointed 16 April 2007

In addition to the above, Julia Marsan and David Sibbick served as directors until 30 August 2006, when they resigned, and Paul Kehoe served as a director until 31 December 2006, when he resigned

#### **Employee involvement and communication**

DX employs a culturally diverse workforce representative of the local population in the areas where we operate DX is committed to providing equal opportunities of employment to all staff, regardless of their gender, nationality, colour or creed. The company's policies on recruitment, training, career development and promotion are based solely on the ability of the individual and the needs of the group's business.

Disabled persons are given equal treatment with the able bodied. For employees who have become disabled after joining the company, every effort is made to enable them to continue in employment and suitable retraining and/or an offer of alternative employment is provided where possible

DX has a stakeholder pension scheme, and actively encourages participation in the scheme. The company continues to invest in its people with a dedicated specialist in reward structures and an ongoing programme of performance management, learning and development.

Each member of the senior management team takes personal responsibility for communicating with a part of the business. Employees are given opportunities to talk candidly with a member of the senior management team, including open forums with each night shift at every service centre.

DX wishes to have the considered views of employees over a wide range of subjects and thus encourages an active interest in group activities at all levels. This aim is achieved through a fully representative 'Employee Partnership' programme, which ensures two way communications and employee involvement. The company has redesigned its communication and consultation forums, holding representative elections with considerable success.

#### Charitable and political donations

The company provides support to Vision Aid Overseas ('VAO') by collecting and distributing spectacles within the UK for reconditioning and onward transportation to Africa for reuse Financial support was provided to VAO in the form of sponsorship of its annual review and other projects, amounting to £4,000 (2006 £11,555)

Other charitable donations in the year comprised payments to Teenage Cancer Trust and SPARKS (£11,300) and to the charity race day of one of the company's customers (£2,200) Other charitable donations in 2006 comprised sponsorship of the Iver Educational Trust (£3,000) and the provision of prizes at the Headway Cardiff golf day (£250)

No payments were made to political parties

### **Directors' report**

Payments to suppliers

It is the company's policy to make payments to suppliers in accordance with agreed terms, provided that the supplier has performed in accordance with agreed terms and conditions Creditor days at 30 June 2007 were 7 4 days (2006 7 4 days)

#### **Auditors**

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined in the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (2) the director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information (as defined) and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985

The company has approved an elective resolution under S379A (as amended) of the Companies Act 1985 to dispense with the requirement to hold an annual general meeting, and the need to approve the financial statements and the reappointment of the auditors thereat

#### Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed,
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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.

The directors confirm that they have complied with these requirements

#### Directors' and officers' insurance and indemnities

The company maintains appropriate directors' and officers' liability insurance for the benefit of the directors

By order of the board

Robert Warner Company Secretary

8 October 2007

# Independent auditors' report to the members of DX Network Services Limited

We have audited the financial statements of DX Network Services Limited for the year ended 30 June 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, and the related notes 1 to 22 These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant United Kingdom legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of DX Network Services Limited

#### Opinion

#### In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

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#### **Deloitte & Touche LLP**

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Reading United Kingdom 8 October 2007

# Profit and loss account For the year ended 30 June 2007

		2007	2006
	Notes	£m	£m
Turnover:			
Document Exchange		76 4	78 1
Direct to door delivery	_	47 4	47 5
	2 _	123.8	125 6
Operating costs			
Before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation		(91 7)	(98 4)
Exceptional items	6	(1 1)	- (4.0)
Goodwill amortisation	_	(4 2)	(4 2)
Total operating costs	3 _	(97 0)	(102 6)
Operating profit			
Before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation		32 1	27 2
Exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	_	(5 3)	(4_2)
Total operating profit	_	26 8	23 0
Net interest payable	7	(3 5)	(2 8)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		23 3	20 2
Tax on profit on ordinary activities			
Before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation		(86)	(7 6)
Exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	_	03_	
Total tax on profit on ordinary activities	8 _	(8 3)	(7 6)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation.			
Before exceptional items and goodwill amortisation		20 0	16 8
Exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	_	(5 0)	(4 2)
Profit for the year transferred to reserves	17 _	15 0	126

All results are derived from continuing operations

There are no other recognised gains or losses arising during the current and previous financial periods other than those shown in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, a Statement of recognised gains and losses has not been presented.

# Balance sheet as at 30 June 2007

	Notes	2007 £m	2006 £m
Fixed assets.	0	74.6	75 8
Intangible fixed assets	9 10	71 6 7 6	107
Tangible fixed assets Investments	10	43	43
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		83 5	908
Current assets:			
Debtors	12	25 3	26 2
Cash at bank and in hand		99	12
		35.2	27 4
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13 _	(57 2)	(52 5)
Net current liabilities	_	(22.0)	(25.1)
Total assets less current liabilities		61 5	65.7
Creditors. amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(31 3)	(50 3)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15 _	(1 5)	(17)
Net assets	_	28 7	13 7
Capital and reserves.			
Called up share capital	16	10	10
Profit and loss account	17 _	27 7	12 7
Shareholders' funds	17 _	28 7	13.7

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 8 October 2007 and signed on its behalf by  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

**James Greenbury** 

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# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### 1 Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards

#### **Group financial statements**

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of DX Group Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales, and which has prepared consolidated financial statements to 30 June 2007. Therefore as the company is exempt from the obligation to prepare and deliver group financial statements, the financial statements only present information about the company as an individual undertaking, not about its group

#### Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that the ultimate parent company includes the company in its own consolidated financial statements, which include a cash flow statement, and are publicly available

#### Goodwill

Goodwill is the surplus of cost over the net asset value attributed to businesses acquired Goodwill arising on the acquisition of businesses is capitalised and amortised on a straight line basis over the shorter of its estimated economic useful-life and 20 years

#### Investments

Shares in, and loans to, subsidiary companies are valued at cost less provision for impairment

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation of fixed assets is on a straight line basis calculated at rates to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over the term of its expected useful life.

The following rates are used	% per annum
Land and buildings	
Land	Nil
Freehold buildings	2 - 2 5
Short leasehold properties	4 – 20
Plant and machinery	10 – 25

#### Taxation

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial information. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

# 1 Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the period of the lease

#### Pension costs

The company is a member of a group defined contribution pension scheme. The amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either creditors or debtors in the balance sheet.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the year end. All translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account

#### Share-based payments

The immediate parent company issued equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees. The fair value was measured at the date of the grant, and expensed on a straight line basis over the vesting period, based on the company's estimate of the number of shares that will eventually vest. The amount relating to employees of the company is charged in the profit and loss account and included as a liability on the assumption that payments will be made to the parent company for these share-based payments.

On cessation of the schemes, that portion of the fair value that had not been expensed at the date of cancellation was written off to the profit and loss account, and the amount of the liability at the same date was released to the profit and loss account

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the value of sales, apportioned over the period to which it relates after excluding trade discounts, value added tax and similar sales related taxes

Document Exchange subscription income invoiced in advance is deferred and recognised as turnover over the period in which the related service is provided. Deferred subscription income is included in the balance sheet as deferred income within creditors, amounts falling due within one year.

All other turnover is recognised as the service to which it relates is rendered

#### 2 Segmental information

The directors consider there to be only one class of business, being the provision of mail services, and one material geographical segment, being the United Kingdom

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

# 3 Operating costs

	2007 £m	2006 £m
Other external charges – excluding exceptional items	58 5	62 8
Other external charges – exceptional items *	06	_
Other external charges – total	59 1	62 8
Staff costs – excluding exceptional items	24 8	25 9
Staff costs – exceptional items *	0 4	
Staff costs – total (see note 5)	25 2	25 9
Depreciation (owned assets) – excluding exceptional items	4 5	5 2
Depreciation (owned assets) – exceptional items *	0 1	_
Depreciation (owned assets) – total	46	5 2
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(0 4)	-
Hire of plant – other rentals	05	07
Other operating lease rentals (including land and buildings)	38	38
Goodwill amortisation	4 2	4 2
Operating costs – excluding exceptional items and goodwill		-
amortisation	91 7	98.4
Operating costs – exceptional items and goodwill amortisation	5 3	4 2
Total operating costs	97 0	102 6

<sup>\*</sup> an analysis of exceptional items is given in note 6

Auditors' remuneration is included in a group management charge of £1.6 million (2006 £2.6 million), which is included in other external charges. The amount relating to audit services to the company is not separately identifiable.

#### 4 Directors' emoluments

### Total remuneration:

	2007 £000	2006 £000
Emoluments	46	81
Cost of contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	2	3_
	48	84
	2007 No	2006 No
The number of directors accruing benefits under money purchase		
schemes in each year was	2	2
The number of directors who exercised share options  The number of directors who received shares under long-term	1	-
incentive schemes	2	1

The emoluments above were paid directly by the company Other directors' emoluments were paid by the parent companies and included in group management charges Total directors' emoluments paid in this way amounted to £1,409,000 (2006 £924,000)

### 5 Staff costs (including directors)

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	2007 £m	2006 £m
Wages and salaries	23 3	23 3
Social security costs	19	2 1
Other pension costs	02	03
	25 4	25 7
Equity-settled share-based payment costs	(0 2)	0 2
	25.2	25.9
Average number of persons employed (including directors)		
	2007	2006
	No	No
Sales and marketing	105	116
Network	1,039	1,039
Management and administration	89	114
	1,233	1,269
6 Exceptional items		
	2007 £m	2006 £m
	ZIII	2,111
Net benefits arising from the acquisition of the group by DX Group	(0.4)	
Limited	(0 1)	-
Restructuring costs	06 06	-
Integration costs	1.1	<del></del>

Following the acquisition of the group by DX Group Limited during the year, the company incurred £0.6 million in restructuring its cost base, and a further £0.6 million in integrating the business with that of its fellow subsidiary undertaking, Secure Mail Services Limited Net benefits of £0.1m (including the release of liabilities for equity-settled share-based payments) arose as a result of the acquisition

### 7 Net interest payable

	2007 £m	2006 £m
Interest payable and similar charges: Group interest payable	37	2 9
Total interest payable and similar charges	<u>3.</u> 7	29
Interest receivable and similar income. Bank deposits	02	0 1
Total interest receivable and similar income	02	0.1
Net interest payable	35	2.8

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Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8.3	76
Current tax United Kingdom corporation tax Deferred tax	9 2 (0 9)	8 8 (1 2)
(a) Analysis of charge in year	2007 £m	2006 £m

The exceptional items gave rise to a tax credit included above of £0 3 million (2006 £nil)

(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for year The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of of 30%. The differences are explained below.	orporation tax i	n the UK
of 50%. The differences are explained below	2007 £m	2006 £m
Profit before tax	23 3	20 2
Profit on ordinary activities before tax at the standard rate of UK corporation tax of 30% (2006 30%)	70	6 0
Factors affecting charge for year Depreciation and other amounts written off fixed assets for year in	4.0	4.0
excess of capital allowances	10 13	1 2 1 3
Goodwill amortisation potentially not eligible for tax relief Equity-settled share based payments	(0 2)	-
Other	01	03

# 9 Intangible fixed assets

Total actual amount of current tax

	Goodwill £m
At 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007	84.2
Amortisation. At 1 July 2006 Charge for the year	8 4 4 2
At 30 June 2007	12.6
Net book value At 30 June 2007	71.6
At 30 June 2006	75 8

8.8

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# 10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £m	Short leasehold land and buildings £m	Plant and machinery £m	Total £m
Cost.				
At 1 July 2006	03	58	32 6	38 7
Additions		02	16	18
Disposals	(0 3)	(0 2)	(0 2)	(0 7)
At 30 June 2007	-	58	34 0	39 8
Depreciation.				
At 1 July 2006	0 1	39	24 0	28 0
Charge for the year	_	06	4 1	47
Disposals	(0 1)	(0 2)	(0 2)	(0 5)
At 30 June 2007	-	4.3	27 9	32 2
Net book value <sup>.</sup> At 30 June 2007	-	15	6 1	76
At 30 June 2006	02	19	86	10 7

#### 11 Investments

	Shares in subsidiary companies £m
Cost: At 1 July 2006 Increases in the year	43 06
At 30 June 2007	49_
Provisions: At 1 July 2006 Charge for the year	06
At 30 June 2007	0.6
Net book value. At 30 June 2007	43
At 30 June 2006	43_

At 30 June 2007 DX Network Services Limited owned 100% of each class of issued shares of the following companies

	Principal activity
DX Network Services Ireland Limited (registered and operates in the	Mail services
Republic of Ireland)	
DX Electronic Services Limited	Dormant

Each of these companies is registered and operates in England and Wales unless otherwise stated

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

#### 12 Debtors

Trade debtors Amounts owed by ultimate parent undertaking Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	18 2 0 5 1 3 0 6 0 1 4 6	20 9 0 6 0 1 4 6 26 2
Amounts owed by ultimate parent undertaking Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	05 13 06 01 46	0 6 0 1 4 6
Amounts owed by immediate parent undertaking Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	13 06 01 46	0 1 4 6
Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	06 01 46	0 1 4 6
Other debtors	0 1 4 6	4 6_
<del>+</del>	46	4 6_
	25 3	26 2
<del>-</del>		
13 Creditors. amounts falling due within one year		
	2007	2006
	£m	2008 £m
Bank overdraft	0 1	-
Trade creditors	15	15
Amounts owed to immediate parent undertaking	-	03
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	02	-
Corporation tax	11 2	5 4
Other taxes and social security costs	3 0	30
Other creditors	0.5	12
Accruals	87	87
Deferred income	32 0	32 4
<u> </u>	57 2	5252
14 Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year		
	2007 £m	2006 £m
Amounts owed to immediate parent undertaking	27 7	48 7
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	36	16
	31 3	50.3

The amounts owed to group undertakings bear interest at LIBOR-based market rates, and are repayable no earlier than 6 September 2009

### 15 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred taxation £m	Other provisions £m	Total £m
At 30 June 2006 Charged/(credited) to profit and loss account	1 7 (0 9)	- 07	1 7 (0 2)
At 30 June 2007	08	07	1.5

Other provisions comprise costs in respect of long term employee healthcare benefits, and are expected to be utilised over the period to January 2026

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

# Provisions for liabilities and charges (continued) 15

Deferred tax provided in the financial statement	ents compris	es		
			2007 £m	2006 £m
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences			1 1 (0 3)	2 0 (0 3)
			0.8	17
16 Called up share capital				
Authorised				
	No (000)	2007 £000	No (000)	2006 £000
Ordinary shares of 1p each	150,000	1,500_	150,000	1,500
Allotted, called up and fully paid				
,	No (000)	2007 £000	No (000)	2006 £000
Ordinary shares of 1p each	100,000	1,000	100,000	1,000
The company has one class of ordinary shar	es which car	rv no right to	fixed income	
17 Shareholders' funds		,		
17 Shareholders lunds				
		Called up share capital £m	Profit and loss account £m	Total £m
At 30 June 2005		10	12 1	13 1
Profit for the year Dividends paid to parent company		-	12 6 (12 0)	12 6 (12 0)
At 30 June 2006 Profit for the year	•	10	12 7 15 0	13 7 15 0
At 30 June 2007	-	1.0	27 7	28 7
18 Financial commitments	•		. <u>-</u>	
			2007	2006
			£m	£m
Capital expenditure Contracted but not provided for				
Annual commitments under operating lea	ises			
Land and buildings – leases which expire Within one year			0.1	02
Between two and five years After five years			1 1 1 6	1 0 1 6
•			2.8	2.8

# 18 Financial commitments (continued)

	2007	2006
	£m	£m
Other - leases which expire		
Within one year	02	-
Between two and five years	01	0 4
	03_	0 4

### 19 Contingencies

The company has entered into a bank guarantee facility in respect of its performance under its licence to provide regulated mail services, and in respect of property leases. The maximum liability under its guarantee in respect of regulated mail services at 30 June 2007 amounts to £0.5 million (2006 £2.1 million). It has also provided bank guarantees to the landlords in respect of its obligations under certain leased properties amounting to £1.0 million (2006 £1.0 million).

The company has provided a cross guarantee in respect of amounts outstanding under the group's UK bank facilities. The amount outstanding under these facilities at 30 June 2007, excluding amounts owed by the company, was £0 6 million (2006 £nil)

The company has also provided a cross guarantee in respect of amounts outstanding under the ultimate parent undertaking's £282 2 million senior and mezzanine borrowing facilities, of which £251 4 million was outstanding at 30 June 2007 (2006 £62 0 million outstanding under the immediate parent undertaking's previous banking facilities)

No provisions are required or have been made in respect of these contingencies since, in the opinion of the directors, they are not expected to result in financial loss for the company

#### 20 Pension arrangements

The company operates a defined contribution retirement benefit scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are in managed funds, and are therefore held separately from the assets of the group

The total cost charged to income of £0.2 million (2006 £0.3 million) represents contributions payable to this scheme by the company at rates specified in the rules of the schemes

#### 21 Related party transactions

As permitted by FRS 8 'Related party disclosures', the financial statements do not disclose transactions with the ultimate parent company and fellow subsidiaries

#### 22 Ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party

In the opinion of the directors, the company's ultimate parent undertaking at 30 June 2007 was DX Group Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales whose registered office is at DX House, Ridgeway, Iver, Buckinghamshire SL0 9JQ. Copies of the annual report and financial statements of DX Group Limited may be obtained from the registered office.

DX Group Limited is both the smallest and the largest group into which the company's results are consolidated

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2007

# 22 Ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party (continued)

In the opinion of the directors, the company's controlling party at 30 June 2007 was funds controlled by Candover Partners Limited