
ASTON SCOTT GROUP plc

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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ASTON SCOTT GROUP plc

COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS

A G Scott
G D P Scarborough
C K Ford (resigned 1/7/2009)

COMPANY SECRETARY

S E Locke

COMPANY NUMBER

05639290

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AUDITOR

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2010

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' 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). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group 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,
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES, REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The group's principal activities are risk management and insurance broking.

At the year end the group contained two trading subsidiaries, Aston Scott Ltd and ASG Risk Management Ltd.

Aston Scott Ltd has continued to perform well, mainly due to a good performance from historical clients, but also due to previous acquisitions of client portfolios made by the company's immediate parent, ASG Risk Management Ltd in the previous year.

At the year end the group operated from seven locations.

Aston Scott Ltd has benefited from the economies of scale generated from expansion as well as refocusing the business and refining the client portfolio to concentrate on more profitable divisions. Both of these factors have contributed to the rise in operating profit from the prior year.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The board uses a range of financial and non financial performance indicators, including net retained income / premium ratio, growth since previous financial year, client satisfaction surveys, performance versus budget, and regulatory compliance indicators.

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RESULTS

The turnover for the group has decreased by 3.6% to £8,870,432 (2009 - £9,196,979)

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation has increased by 8.2% to £876,689 (2009 - £810,557)

The directors are delighted with the ongoing performance of the business

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were

A G Scott
G D P Scarborough
C K Ford (resigned 1/7/2009)

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During the year the group made charitable donations of £2,760 (2009 £9,497)

PRINCIPAL RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The board conducts a formal review of the risks and uncertainties facing the business

The board recognises that as ultimate parent company of an insurance broker the business is sensitive to the following changes, which are to an extent outside of the group's direct control

- the insolvency of a major insurer,
- regulatory changes implemented by the Financial Services Authority,
- potential decisions from insurers to trade directly with clients, and,
- changes in commission rates receivable from insurers

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The directors regularly review the financial requirements of the group and the risks associated therewith

The group manages cash flow as part of its day to day control procedures and appropriate facilities are made available to draw upon as necessary

The group's policy in respect of credit risk is to require appropriate credit checks on potential clients. The group's policy in respect of liquidity risk is to maintain readily accessible bank deposits to ensure the group has sufficient funds for operations. The cash deposits are held in a mixture of short term deposits and current accounts which earn interest at a floating rate

POLICY AND PRACTICE ON THE PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

The group's policy for the year ended 30 June 2010 for all suppliers is to fix terms of payment when agreeing the terms of each business transaction, to ensure that the supplier is aware of those terms and to abide by the agreed terms of payment

The number of average days purchases of the group represented by trade creditors at 30 June 2010 was 38

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company and the group's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the company and the group's auditor in connection with preparing its report and to establish that the company and the group's auditor is aware of that information

AUDITOR

The auditor, Barnes Roffe LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board on *18 October 2010* and signed on its behalf



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S E Locke
Secretary

ASTON SCOTT GROUP plc

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ASTON SCOTT GROUP PLC

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Aston Scott Group plc for the year ended 30 June 2010, set out on pages 6 to 19. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 auditor's 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

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 30 June 2010 and of the group's profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit



Mario Ciantanni (senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of

BARNES ROFFE LLP

Chartered Accountants

Statutory Auditor

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Date *28. October. 2010*

ASTON SCOTT GROUP plc

**CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
TURNOVER	1,2	8,870,433	9,196,979
Administrative expenses		<u>(7,912,652)</u>	<u>(8,311,506)</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		957,781	885,473
Interest receivable		23,222	97,034
Interest payable	6	<u>(104,314)</u>	<u>(171,950)</u>
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		876,689	810,557
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	<u>(505,000)</u>	<u>(482,972)</u>
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	15	<u>371,689</u>	<u>327,585</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2010 or 2009 other than those included in the profit and loss account


The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

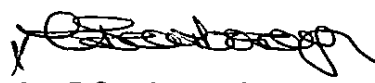
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REGISTERED NUMBER. 05639290

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible fixed assets	8	5,546,206	7,076,807
Tangible fixed assets	9	113,374	137,466
		<u>5,659,580</u>	<u>7,214,273</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	1,178,636	1,540,799
Cash at bank and in hand		6,094,276	4,989,356
		<u>7,272,912</u>	<u>6,530,155</u>
CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>(5,393,060)</u>	<u>(5,328,213)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>1,879,852</u>	<u>1,201,942</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>7,539,432</u>	<u>8,416,215</u>
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES			
Other provisions	13	<u>(1,230,049)</u>	<u>(2,478,521)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>6,309,383</u>	<u>5,937,694</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	40,557	40,557
Share premium account	15	1,488,961	1,488,961
Consolidated reserve	15	2,239,869	2,637,957
Profit and loss account	15	2,539,996	1,770,219
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16	<u>6,309,383</u>	<u>5,937,694</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on

18 October 2010

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A G Scott
 Director


G D P Scarborough
 Director

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

ASTON SCOTT GROUP plc
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05639290

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Fixed asset investments	10	2,516,511	2,516,511
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		43	21
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(791,458)	(812,330)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(791,415)</u>	<u>(812,309)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>1,725,096</u>	<u>1,704,202</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	40,557	40,557
Share premium account	15	1,488,961	1,488,961
Profit and loss account	15	195,578	174,684
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	16	<u>1,725,096</u>	<u>1,704,202</u>

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 Director

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 Director

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**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

	Note	2010 £	2009 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	17	3,492,396	2,342,372
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	18	6,972	(28,569)
Taxation		(578,332)	(332,148)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	18	(1,358,519)	(1,561,544)
CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		1,562,517	420,111
Financing	18	(457,597)	(1,125,771)
INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH IN THE YEAR		1,104,920	(705,660)

**RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS/DEBT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

		2010 £	2009 £
Increase/(Decrease) in cash in the year	19	1,104,920	(705,660)
Cash outflow from decrease in debt and lease financing		457,597	1,125,771
MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT IN THE YEAR		1,562,517	420,111
Net funds at 1 July 2009		4,531,759	4,111,648
NET FUNDS AT 30 JUNE 2010		6,094,276	4,531,759

The notes on pages 10 to 19 form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of goodwill and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

1.2 BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The financial statements consolidate the accounts of Aston Scott Group plc and all of its subsidiary undertakings ('subsidiaries')

1.3 TURNOVER

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the group in respect of goods and services supplied, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts

Turnover represents amounts receivable from fees and commission. Commission and fees are recognised on the issue of a debit note to a client for a policy where the inception or renewal date falls due within the accounting period

It is the normal practice for insurance brokers to settle accounts with other intermediaries, clients and insurers on a net basis. Thus large changes in both insurance broking debtors and creditors can result from comparatively small cash settlements. For this reason, the totals of insurance broking debtors and creditors give no indication of future cash flows

The legal status of this practice of net settlement is uncertain and in the event of an insolvency it is generally abandoned. Financial Reporting Standard No. 5, Reporting the Substance of Transactions, requires that offset of assets and liabilities should be recognised in the financial statements where and only where, the offset would survive the insolvency of either party to the transaction. Accordingly, only such offsets have been recognised in calculating insurance broking debtors and creditors

1.4 INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND AMORTISATION

Goodwill is the difference between amounts paid on the acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities. It is amortised to the profit and loss account over its estimated economic life

1.5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases

Motor Vehicles	-	25% straight line
Fixtures & Fittings	-	20 - 33% straight line

1.6 INVESTMENTS

Investments in subsidiaries are valued at cost less provision for impairment

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 OPERATING LEASES

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term

1.8 PENSIONS

The group operates a defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme on behalf of the employees of the group

1.9 CONTINGENT DEFERRED CONSIDERATION

Contingent deferred consideration is discounted at present values and recognised in the financial statements as provisions for liabilities and charges

The provision for deferred consideration is based on the directors' best estimate of future payments, and initial estimates are periodically revised as further and more certain information becomes available

The discount element of the consideration is released to the profit and loss account over the course of the contract and is treated as interest payable/received

2. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover is attributable to commission and fees earned during the period

All turnover arose within the United Kingdom

3. OPERATING PROFIT

	2010	2009
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration		
Group - audit services	18,941	16,185
Group - taxation services	3,049	2,723
Depreciation - plant and machinery	62,914	83,693
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1,590,174	1,581,206
Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery	8,043	14,912
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	296,356	266,704
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(1,115)	(4,528)

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4 STAFF COSTS

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows

	2010 £	2009 £
Wages and salaries	4,107,223	4,357,242
Social security costs	421,005	472,120
Other pension costs	10,750	10,750
	<u>4,538,978</u>	<u>4,840,112</u>

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows

2010 No	2009 No
<u>120</u>	<u>125</u>

5. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

	2010 £	2009 £
Emoluments	<u>243,441</u>	<u>231,686</u>
Company pension contributions to money purchase pension schemes	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 1 director (2009 - 1) in respect of money purchase pension schemes

The highest paid director received remuneration of £157,838 (2009 - £153,401)

6. INTEREST PAYABLE

	2010 £	2009 £
On bank loans and overdrafts	-	131
Other interest charged	102,966	171,819
Other interest on corporation tax	1,348	-
	<u>104,314</u>	<u>171,950</u>

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7 TAXATION

	2010 £	2009 £
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	<u>505,000</u>	<u>482,972</u>

FACTORS AFFECTING TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2009 - *higher than*) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (28%) The differences are explained below

	2010 £	2009 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>876,689</u>	<u>810,557</u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 - 28%)	245,473	226,958
EFFECTS OF:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,155	4,656
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation for year	(1,013)	3,292
Amortisation	252,712	247,238
Other timing differences	4,673	828
CURRENT TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR (see note above)	<u>505,000</u>	<u>482,972</u>

FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges

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8. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill £
GROUP	
COST	
At 1 July 2009	11,646,029
Revaluations	59,573
At 30 June 2010	<u>11,705,602</u>
AMORTISATION	
At 1 July 2009	4,569,222
Charge for the year	1,590,174
At 30 June 2010	<u>6,159,396</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 June 2010	<u>5,546,206</u>
At 30 June 2009	<u>7,076,807</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles £	Furniture, fittings and equipment £	Total £
GROUP			
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1 July 2009	128,134	329,588	457,722
Additions	-	38,822	38,822
Disposals	(9,908)	-	(9,908)
At 30 June 2010	<u>118,226</u>	<u>368,410</u>	<u>486,636</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 July 2009	74,771	245,485	320,256
Charge for the year	20,192	42,722	62,914
On disposals	(9,908)	-	(9,908)
At 30 June 2010	<u>85,055</u>	<u>288,207</u>	<u>373,262</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30 June 2010	<u>33,171</u>	<u>80,203</u>	<u>113,374</u>
At 30 June 2009	<u>53,363</u>	<u>84,103</u>	<u>137,466</u>

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10 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Shares in group
undertakings
£

COST OR VALUATION

At 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010

2,516,511

Subsidiaries	Principal activity	Holding	Country of registration
Aston Scott Ltd	Insurance broker	100%	England & Wales
ASG Risk Management Ltd	Risk Management	100%	England & Wales

11 DEBTORS

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	984,859	1,284,387	-	-
Other debtors	15,713	100,456	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	178,064	155,956	-	-
	1,178,636	1,540,799	-	-

**12 CREDITORS:
AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	GROUP		COMPANY	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
	£	£	£	£
Other loans	-	457,597	-	314,097
Trade creditors	4,472,436	4,121,759	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	791,458	498,233
Corporation tax	286,007	359,339	-	-
Social security and other taxes	116,268	121,450	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	518,349	268,068	-	-
	5,393,060	5,328,213	791,458	812,330

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13. PROVISIONS

	Contingent deferred consideration £
GROUP	
At 1 July 2009	2,478,521
Paid during the year	(1,320,812)
Revision of contingent deferred consideration	72,340
	<u>1,230,049</u>
At 30 June 2010	<u>1,230,049</u>

CONTINGENT DEFERRED CONSIDERATION

This deferred consideration relates to the purchase of the trade of a number of businesses. It is based on the directors' best estimate of future payments and is dependent on the level of future income generated.

14. SHARE CAPITAL

	2010 £	2009 £
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID		
35,558 Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>35,558</u>	<u>35,558</u>
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND PARTLY PAID		
19,997 (2009 - 19,997) Ordinary shares of £1 each - 25p paid	<u>4,999</u>	<u>4,999</u>

15. RESERVES

	Share premium account £	Consolidated reserve £	Profit and loss account £
GROUP			
At 1 July 2009	1,488,961	2,637,957	1,770,219
Profit for the year			371,689
Transfer goodwill written off on consolidation to consolidated reserve		(398,088)	398,088
At 30 June 2010	<u>1,488,961</u>	<u>2,239,869</u>	<u>2,539,996</u>

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15. RESERVES (continued)

	Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
COMPANY		
At 1 July 2009	1,488,961	174,684
Profit for the year		20,894
	<u>1,488,961</u>	<u>195,578</u>
At 30 June 2010		

16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2010 £	2009 £
GROUP		
Opening shareholders' funds	5,937,694	5,610,109
Profit for the year	371,689	327,585
	<u>6,309,383</u>	<u>5,937,694</u>
Closing shareholders' funds		

	2010 £	2009 £
COMPANY		
Opening shareholders' funds	1,704,202	1,624,264
Profit for the year	20,894	79,938
	<u>1,725,096</u>	<u>1,704,202</u>
Closing shareholders' funds		

The company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to present its own profit and loss account

The profit for the year dealt with in the accounts of the company was £20,894 (2009 - £79,938)

17. NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2010 £	2009 £
Operating profit	957,781	885,473
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	1,590,174	1,581,206
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	62,914	83,693
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(1,115)	(4,528)
Decrease in debtors	286,869	297,376
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	595,773	(500,848)
	<u>3,492,396</u>	<u>2,342,372</u>
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATIONS		

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18 ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2010 £	2009 £
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		
Interest received	15,427	143,381
Interest paid	(8,455)	(171,950)
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE	<u>6,972</u>	<u>(28,569)</u>
	2010 £	2009 £
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT		
Deferred consideration paid	(1,320,812)	(1,538,421)
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(38,822)	(31,679)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	1,115	8,556
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(1,358,519)</u>	<u>(1,561,544)</u>
	2010 £	2009 £
FINANCING		
Repayment of loans	-	(143,500)
Repayment of other loans	(457,597)	(982,271)
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING	<u>(457,597)</u>	<u>(1,125,771)</u>

19. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	1 July 2009 £	Cash flow £	Other non-cash changes £	30 June 2010 £
Cash at bank and in hand	4,989,356	1,104,920	-	6,094,276
DEBT:				
Debts due within one year	(457,597)	457,597	-	-
NET FUNDS	<u>4,531,759</u>	<u>1,562,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,094,276</u>

20 PENSION COMMITMENTS

A defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme is operated on behalf of the employees of the group. The assets are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension charge represents contributions payable by the group to various pension funds outside of the stakeholder scheme amounting to £10,750 (2009 £10,750).

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21. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 30 June 2010 the Group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Land and buildings		Other	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
GROUP	£	£	£	£
EXPIRY DATE				
Within 1 year	21,750	21,750	866	-
Between 2 and 5 year	273,536	273,536	7,177	9,715

22. CONTROLLING PARTY

A G Scott is the ultimate controlling party by virtue of his majority shareholding in Aston Scott Group plc the parent company of the group