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MORGANITE AUSTRALIA PTY. LIMITED

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FINANCIAL REPORT 1999

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report on the results of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited and of the economic entity (being Morganite Australia Pty. Limited and its controlled entities) for the year ended 4 January 2000.

DIRECTORS

The names of the directors of the company during the financial year and until the date of this report are Messrs. R.C. Blayney, N.G. Howard (appointed 25 August 1999) P.J. Leckie and G.P. Roche.

Mr. V.J. Maundrell was a director from the beginning of the financial year until his resignation on 25 August 1999.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the economic entity during the year were:

- manufacture and distribution of specialised materials and components for use in electrical, mechanical and heat applications;
- manufacture and distribution of refractory products;
- manufacture and distribution of industrial ceramic products and metal line fittings.

There was no significant change in the nature of these activities during the year.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The consolidated profit of the economic entity after tax and outside equity interests for the year ended 4 January 2000 was \$6,153,000.

The directors do not recommend the declaration of a final dividend for the current year.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

Results

The economic entity's sales for the year were \$172,157,000 compared to \$179,282,000 for the previous year. Consolidated operating profit before income tax decreased from \$8,179,000 in 1998 to \$4,148,000 in 1999.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE STATE OF AFFAIRS

During the year ended 4 January 2000 the company purchased certain asssets and liabilities of Electro Mechanical Carbon Pty. Ltd. on 1 April 1999 and Beacon Engineering Products Pty. Ltd. on 1 July 1999. Also, on 7 April 1999 the company sold its investment in Epirez Australia Pty. Limited which was the holding company for its specialty chemical business in Australia. Following this sale the company no longer has any interests in specialty chemical businesses.

There have been no other significant changes in the state of affairs of the companies in the economic entity during the year ended 4 January 2000.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS AFTER BALANCE DATE

On 28 March 2000 the company sold its investment in Morlynn Ceramics Pty. Ltd. which was the holding company for its power industry businesses in Australia. Following this sale the company no longer has any interests in power industry businesses.

No other matter or circumstance has arisen since the end of the financial year that has significantly affected or may significantly affect the operations of the economic entity, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the economic entity, in subsequent financial years.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND RESULTS

Other than as noted in this report no other likely developments in the operations of the economic entity can be reasonably determined at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

The economic entity holds environmental licences for its various manufacturing sites throughout Australia. These licences require discharges to air and water to be below specified levels of contaminants and solid wastes to be removed to an appropriate disposal facility.

There have been no known breaches of the economic entity's licence conditions.

INSURANCE OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

During the financial year the economic entity paid a premium of \$17,305 to insure the directors and officers of the economic entity.

The liabilities insured are costs and expenses that may be incurred in defending civil and criminal proceedings that may be brought against the directors and officers in their capacity as directors and officers of the economic entity.

ROUNDING

The amounts contained in this report and in the financial statements have been rounded off under the option available to the company under ASIC Class Order 98/100. The company is an entity to which the Class Order applies.

This report is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

G.P. Roche

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Director

Sydney
1 May 2000



INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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To the members of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited

Scope

We have audited the financial report of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited for the financial year ended 4th January 2000, as set out on pages 4 to 31, including the Directors' Declaration. The financial report includes the financial statements of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited, and the consolidated financial statements of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at year's end or from time to time during the financial year. The company 's directors are responsible for the financial report. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members of the company.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and statutory requirements in Australia, so as to present a view which is consistent with our understanding of the company's and the consolidated entity's financial position and performance as represented by the results of their operations and their cash flows.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited is in accordance with:

- (a) the Corporations Law including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 4 January 2000 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations; and

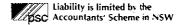
(b) other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

Ernst & Young

B.E.Friere Partner Sydney

Date: 1MAY 2000





DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In the opinion of the directors of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited:

- (a) the financial statements and notes of the company and of the consolidated entity are in accordance with the Corporations Law, including:
 - (i) giving a true and fair view of the company's and consolidated entity's financial position as at 4 January 2000 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and
 - (ii) complying with Accounting Standards and Corporations Regulations; and
- (b) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the directors.

G.P. Roche

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Director

Sydney

1 May 2000

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 JANUARY 2000

Note 1999 1998 1999 \$000 \$000 Operating revenue 2 182,199 185,513 26,899 2	
Operating revenue 2 182,199 185,513 26,899 2	1998 \$000
	9,723
Operating profit (loss) before income tax 3 4,148 8,179 6,390	1,970)
Income tax attributable to operating profit (loss) 4 2,822 5,289 22	174
Operating profit (loss) after income tax 1,326 2,890 6,368	2,144)
Profit on extraordinary item 5 5,454 - 2,530	-
Income tax attributable to profit on extraordinary item 4,5	
Profit on extraordinary item after income tax 5 5,454 - 2,530	-
Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary item after income tax 6,780 2,890 8,898	(2,144)
Outside equity interests in operating profit and extraordinary item after income tax 627 2,365 -	-
Operating profit (loss) and extraordinary item after income tax attributable to members of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited 6,153 525 8,898	(2,144)
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year 41,802 41,277 14,462	9,982
Aggregate of amounts transferred from reserves 20 1,425	6,624
Retained profits at the end of the financial year 49,380 41,802 23,360	4,462

The profit and loss statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

BALANCE SHEET

AT 4 JANUARY 2000

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		Consolidated		-	imited	
	Note	1999	1998	1999	1998	
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
CURRENT ASSETS						
Cash		13,570	13,028	125	118	
Receivables	7	27,310	35,229	5,525	4,565	
Inventories	8	41,151	51,637	6,069	6,445	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		82,031	99,894	11,719	11,128	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS						
Receivables	9	10,100	-	12,422	8,822	
Investments	10	2	2	49,492	55,373	
Property, plant and equipment	11	70,162	86,471	14,258	14,252	
Intangibles	12	19,918	24,466	1,395	999	
Future income tax benefit		3,916	5,472	1,073	1,002	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		104,098	116,411	78,640	80,448	
TOTAL ASSETS		186,129	216,305	90,359	91,576	
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	13	28,906	42,001	4,932	4,331	
Borrowings	14	1	116	5,400	512	
Provisions	15	5,575	9,026	1,268	1,232	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		34,482	51,143	11,600	6,075	
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	16	450	-	450	-	
Borrowings	17	47,000	67,205	15,133	31,198	
Provisions	18	4,803	4,813	1,145	1,170	
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		52,253	72,018	16,728	32,368	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		86,735	123,161	28,328	38,443	
NET ASSETS		99,394	93,144	62,031	53,133	
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Issued capital	19	31,476	31,476	31,460	31,460	
	20	7,509	9,291	7,211	7,211	
Reserves	20			23,360	14,462	
Retained profits		49,380	41,802	23,300	14,402	
Shareholders' equity attributable to members of the parent entity		88,365	82,569	62,031	53,133	
Outside equity interests in controlled entities	21	11,029	10,575	-	-	
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TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		99,394	93,144	62,031	53,133	

The balance sheets should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 4 JANUARY 2000

		Consolidated		Morganite Austral Pty. Limited	
	Note		1998	1999	1998
CACH ELONG EDOM OPED ATING A CHARTEST		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIE	S				
Receipts from customers		175,585	161,649	19,990	23,484
Payments to suppliers and employees		(162,156)	(140,972)	(18,836)	(20,720)
Dividends received		3	15	5,721	100
Service fees received		9,950	5,950	-	-
Interest received		61	137	315	606
Borrowing costs		(2,797)	(2,598)	(50)	(1,180)
Income taxes paid		(4,180)	(2,159)	(100)	(698)
Future tax benefit paid				(68)	(18)
Net cash flows from operating activities	22(b)	16,466	22,022	6,972	1,574
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	3				
Payment for purchase of businesses	22(c)	(9,224)	(63,554)	(539)	_
Payment for minority interest in controlled entity	~=(0)	-	(2,145)	-	-
Acquisition of property, plant and			(=,1 10)		
equipment		(2,581)	(7,942)	(292)	(383)
Investment in related companies		-	-	(18,481)	(17,545)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and				, , ,	` , ,
equipment		28	121	13	7,131
Proceeds from sale of investments	22(d)	27,111	8	27,111	-
Repayment of loans - related parties		-	-	-	2,192
Loans to related parties		(10,100)		(3,600)	-
Net cash flows from/(used in) investing activiti	ies	5,234	(73,512)	4,212	(8,605)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	5				
Proceeds from issue of shares		-	6,600	_	-
Advances - related parties		-	15,665	-	22,685
Repayment of borrowings - related parties		(17,205)	-	(16,065)	-
Borrowings - other		(3,116)	38,116	-	(12,000)
Net cash flows from/(used in) financing activi	ties	(20,321)	60,381	(16,065)	10,685
Net increase(decrease) in cash held		1,379	8,891	(4,881)	3,654
Cash at the beginning of the financial year		13,028	2,536	(394)	(4,048)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash		(520)	1,601	-	•
Cash on disposal of controlled entity		(318)	-	-	-
Cash at the end of the financial year	22(a)	13,569	13,028	(5,275)	(394)

The statements of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 4 JANUARY 2000

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) and the Corporations Law.

It is prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention. Unlesss otherwise stated, the accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous period. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements are those of the economic entity, comprising Morganite Australia Pty. Limited (the parent entity) and all entities which Morganite Australia Pty. Limited controlled from time to time during the year and at balance date.

Information from the financial statements of subsidiaries is included from the date the parent company obtains control until such time as control ceases. Where there is loss of control of a subsidiary, the consolidated financial statements include the results for the part of the reporting period during which the parent company has control.

Subsidiary acquisitions are accounted for using the purchase method of accounting.

The financial statements of subsidiaries are prepared for the same reporting period as the parent entity, using consistent accounting policies. Adjustments are made to bring into line any dissimilar accounting policies which may exist.

All intercompany balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intragroup transactions, have been eliminated in full. Unrealised losses are eliminated unless costs cannot be recovered.

Income Tax

Tax effect accounting procedures are followed whereby the income tax in the profit and loss statement is matched with the accounting profit after allowing for permanent differences. The future tax benefit relating to tax losses is not carried forward as an asset unless the benefit is virtually certain of realisation. Income tax on cumulative timing differences is set aside to the deferred income tax or the future income tax benefit accounts at the rates which are expected to apply when those timing differences reverse.

Foreign currencies

Translation of foreign currency transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies of entities within the economic entity are converted to local currency at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Amounts payable to and by the entities within the economic entity that are outstanding at the balance date and are denominated in foreign currencies have been converted to local currency using rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 4 JANUARY 2000

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currencies (continued)

Specific hedges

Where a purchase or sale is specifically hedged, exchange gains or losses on the hedging transaction arising up to the date of purchase or sale and costs, premiums and discounts relative to the hedging transaction are included with the purchase or sale. Exchange gains and losses arising on the hedge transaction after that date are taken to the profit and loss statement.

Translation of accounts of overseas operations

All overseas operations are deemed self-sustaining as each is financially and operationally independent of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited. The accounts of overseas operations are translated using the current rate method and any exchange differences are taken directly to the foreign currency translation reserve.

Revenue recognition

Amounts disclosed as revenue are net of returns, trade allowances and duties and taxes paid. Revenue is generally recognised on delivery of products and services.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition are accounted for as follows:

- Raw materials purchase cost on a first-in-first-out basis; and
- Finished goods and work-in-progress cost of direct material and labour and a proportion of manufacturing overheads based on normal operating capacity.

Recoverable amount

Non-current assets are not carried at an amount above their recoverable amount, and where carrying values exceed this recoverable amount assets are written down. In determining recoverable amount the expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present value.

Investments

The economic entity's interest in companies which are not controlled are brought to account at cost and dividends and other distributions are recognised in the profit and loss statement when receivable.

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
4 JANUARY 2000

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property, plant and equipment

Cost and valuation

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost or at independent valuation. Any surplus on revaluation is credited directly to the asset revaluation reserve and excluded from the profit and loss statement.

Any gain or loss on the disposal of revalued assets is determined as the difference between the carrying amount of the asset at the time of disposal and the proceeds from disposal, and is included in the results of the economic entity in the year of disposal.

Where assets have been revalued, the potential effect of the capital gains tax on disposal has not been taken into account in the determination of the revalued carrying amount.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on all property, plant and equipment, other than freehold land.

The expected useful lives are as follows:

Freehold buildings

28 to 50 years

Plant and equipment

3 to 20 years

Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. Borrowing costs include interest on bank overdraft and loans and finance lease charges.

Leases

Finance leases, which effectively transfer to the company substantially all of the risks and benefits incidental to ownership of the leased items, are capitalised at the present value of the minimum lease payments, disclosed as leased plant and equipment, and amortised over the period the company is expected to benefit from the use of the leased assets.

Operating lease payments, where the lessor effectively retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items, are included in the determination of the operating profit in equal instalments over the lease term.

Intangibles

Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase consideration over the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired at the time of acquisition of a business or shares in a controlled entity.

All intangible assets are amortised by the straight line method over the period during which benefits are expected to be received. In the case of goodwill and technology know-how this is taken as being 20 years and 5 years respectively.

Employee entitlements

Contributions made to superannuation funds by entities within the economic entity are charged against profits when due.

	Conso	lidated	Morganite Australia Pty. Limited		
	1999	1998	1999	1998	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
NOTE 2 - OPERATING REVENUE					
Sale of goods	172,157	179,282	20,850	21,956	
Other revenue					
Dividends					
Related parties					
- wholly owned group	-	- 1.5	5,718	25	
Other persons	3	15	3	5	
Service fees	9,950	5,950	-	-	
Interest					
Related parties			315	606	
- wholly owned group	- 61	137	313	-	
Other persons Proceeds on sale of non-current assets	28	129	13	7,131	
Proceeds on sale of non-current assets					
·	10,042	6,231	6,049	7,767	
	182,199	185,513	26,899	29,723	
NOTE 3 - OPERATING PROFIT		·			
Operating profit (loss) before income tax has been determined after:					
(i) Charging/(crediting) the following items:				•	
Interest expense					
- wholly owned group	-	66	45	45	
- other persons	2,762	2,851	-	1,127	
Finance charges - lease liability	6	45	6	-	
Bad and doubtful trade debts	186	148	46	39	
Depreciation and amortisation				105	
Property	437	349	68	105	
Plant and equipment	6,396	5,096	598	518	
Goodwill	2,168	2,312	109	349	
Technology know-how	50	50 3.551	- 757	- 775	
Provision for employee entitlements	4,155	3,551	731	713	
Rental on operating leases	2,700	3,086 362	(22)	(33)	
Net foreign exchange (gain) loss	(53)	100	(22)	(33)	
Loss on sale of investment	-	100	-		
Net profit on disposal of property plant and equipment	(6)	(26)	(6)	(90)	
	(0)	(20)	(4)	()	
(ii) Charging the following abnormal item:		4,265	_	3,034	
Amortisation of goodwill Applicable income tax	-	+,20 <i>3</i>	-	-	
A A		4,265		3,034	
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	Consolidated		Pty. Li	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
NOTE 4 - INCOME TAX				
The prima facie tax, using tax rates applicable in the country of operation, on operating profit (loss) and extraordinary item differs from the income tax provided in the financial statements and is reconciled as follows:				
Prima facie tax on operating profit (loss) Tax effect of permanent differences -	1,387	2,828	2,300	(709)
Rebateable dividends	_	(9)	(2,059)	(9)
Depreciation	98	276	30	46
Amortisation of intangibles	808	2,385	39	1,217
Non-deductible expenditure	151	250	15	13
Adjustment of tax rate on future tax benefit	400	~	-	_
Tax losses not recognised in future tax benefit	314	~	-	_
Other	53	(41)	51	(71)
Grouping of tax losses	(350)	(374)	(260)	(491)
(Under)/over provision of future tax benefit	` ,	. ,		•
in previous year	37	58	(94)	111
Under/(over) provision in previous year	(76)	(84)		67
Income tax attributable to operating profit (loss) Income tax attributable to profit on	2,822	5,289	22	174
extraordinary item	-	-	-	
Total income tax provided on operating				
profit (loss) and extraordinary item	2,822	5,289	22	174
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NOTE 5 - EXTRAORDINARY ITEM				
Proceeds from sale of Epirez Australia P/L	27,111	_	27,111	-
Carrying value of asset sold	21,657		24,581	
	5,454		2,530	
Applicable income tax	•	-	-	-
•-	5,454		2,530	
				

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	Consolidated 1999 1998		Pty. Limited 1999 199	
NOTE 6 - DIVIDENDS PROVIDED FOR OR PA	(ID			
There were no dividends proposed or paid during the year				
The amount of franking credits available for the subsequent financial year are:				
- franking account balance as at the end of the financial year	23,410	17,033	11,761	9,387
 franking credits that will arise from the payment of income tax payable (refundable) as at the end of the financial year franking credits/(debits) that will arise from 	411	5,522	(343)	(50)
the receipt/(payment) of dividends as at the end of the financial year	-	÷	-	-
- franking credits that the entity may be prevented from distributing in the subsequent financial year	<u>-</u>		_	
	23,821	22,555	11,418	9,337
NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES (CURRENT)				. 100
Trade debtors Provision for doubtful debts	23,600 (575)	31,452 (776)	4,026 (111)	3,492 (145)
	23,025	30,676	3,915	3,347
Related parties	25,025	30,070	3,713	3,347
- ultimate controlling entity	510	787	-	4
- wholly owned group	1,646	1,425	670 208	723 154
controlled entity (partly owned)other related parties	206	142	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	1,592	2,199	539	244
Tax refund due	331	-	193	93
	27,310	35,229	5,525	4,565
Australian dollar equivalents of amounts receivable in foreign currencies not effectively hedged				
United States dollars	-	605	-	-

		Consolidated		Morganite Austral Pty. Limited	
		1999	1998	1999	1998
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NO	TE 8 - INVENTORIES (CURRENT)				
Raw	materials and stores				
	cost	19,768	23,454	2,801	2,998
Pro	ovision for diminution in value	(186)	(439)	(102)	(33)
		19,582	23,015	2,699	2,965
Wor	rk-in-progress				
	cost	2,275	4,515	243	328
Pro	ovision for diminution in value	(121)	(36)	-	-
		2,154	4,479	243	328
Fini	shed goods				
At	cost	21,682	26,500	3,219	3,209
Pro	ovision for diminution in value	(2,267)	(2,357)	(92)	(57)
		19,415	24,143	3,127	3,152
Tota	al inventories	41,151	51,637	6,069	6,445
NO	TE 9 - RECEIVABLES (NON-CURRENT)				
	ated parties			40.400	0.000
- wł	nolly owned group	10,100	-	12,422	8,822
NO'	TE 10 - INVESTMENTS (NON-CURRENT)				
(a)	Quoted on a prescribed stock exchange, at cost				
	Shares in other corporations			_	
	(quoted market value \$2, 1998 \$2)	2	2	2	2
(b)	Not quoted on a prescribed stock exchange, at cost				
	Shares in controlled entities (Note 27)	-	-	49,490	55,371
Tot	al investments	2	2	49,492	55,373
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	Consolidated		Pty. Limited	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NOTE 11 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMEN				*
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Freehold land				
Independent valuation 1981	380	380	-	-
Independent valuation 1989	2,010	2,010	1,230	1,230
Directors' valuation 1990	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Cost	5,491	6,829	1,935	1,935
	12,881	14,219	8,165	8,165
Buildings				
Independent valuation 1981	1,336	1,336	-	
Independent valuation 1989	1,990	1,990	1,195	1,195
Cost	12,411	19,201	2,036	2,036
Cost		19,201		
	15,737	22,527	3,231	3,231
Accumulated depreciation	(3,023)	(2,636)	(530)	(462)
	12,714	19,891	2,701	2,769
Total freehold land and buildings	25,595	34,110	10,866	10,934
Plant and equipment				
- •		1.045		
Directors' valuation 1985	1,947	1,947	-	-
Independent valuation 1985	1,389	1,389	1,389	1,389
Cost	81,677	85,466 ———	8,220	7,551 ———
	85,013	88,802	9,609	8,940
Accumulated depreciation	(40,446)	(36,525)	(6,217)	(5,622)
	44,567	52,277	3,392	3,318
Plant and equipment under lease	<u>————</u>			-
At cost	-	106	-	-
Accumulated amortisation	-	(22)	-	-
				
		84		
Total plant and equipment	44,567	52,361	3,392	3,318
Total property, plant and equipment	70,162	86,471	14,258	14,252

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		1999 \$000	1998 \$000	1999 \$000	Limited 1998 \$000
NOTE 11 - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQ	UIPME	NT (continue	d)		
Recent valuations					
At 4 January 2000 the directors have value interests in land and buildings on an existing use basis which have not been recognised in the financial report as follows:	g				
Freehold land and buildings		26,386	35,040	-	-
NOTE 12 - INTANGIBLES					
Goodwill on consolidation Accumulated amortisation		23,819 (14,267)	28,038 (14,248)	-	-
		9,552	13,790	-	-
Goodwill purchased Accumulated amortisation		19,202 (8,911)	19,328 (8,777)	7,172 (5,777)	6,948 (5,949)
		10,291	10,551	1,395	999
Technology know how		250	250		-
Accumulated amortisation		(175)	(125)		
		<u>75</u>	125		
Total intangibles		19,918	24,466	1,395	999
NOTE 13 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (CURRENT)					
Trade creditors Other creditors and accruals Related parties		20,794 3,659	26,357 116977	2,485 838	3,009 788
- ultimate parent entity		2,962	1,741	1,026	54
- wholly owned group		1,317	1,566	570	480
controlled entity (partly owned)other related parties		- 174	635	13	-
Lease liability	23	-	5	-	-
		28,906	42,001	4,932	4,331
Australian dollar equivalents of amounts payable in foreign currencies not effectively hedged					
United States dollars		2,046	3,268	10	6
UK pounds		2,864	1,911	1,027	63

	Note	-	Consolidated		: Australia Limited
		1999 \$000	1998 \$000	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
NOTE 14 - BORROWINGS (CURREN	NT)				
Unsecured - bank overdrafts		1	<u>.</u>	5,400	512
- bills of exchange		-	116	-	-
		1	116	5,400	512
NOTE 15 - PROVISIONS (CURRENT	")				
Taxation		1,108	3,830	-	_
Employee entitlements Major maintenance	24	4,267	4,963 89	1,111	1,075
Warranty		200	144	-	-
Loss on liquidation of controlled entities		-	-	157	157
		5,575	9,026	1,268	1,232
NOTE 16 - ACCOUNT PAYABLE (NON CURRENT)					
Other creditors and accruals		450		450	
NOTE 17 - BORROWINGS (NON-CURRENT)					
Related party					
- wholly owned group Bank loan		- 47,000	17,205 50,000	15,133 -	31,198 -
		47,000	67,205	15,133	31,198
		,		<u> </u>	
Australian dollar equivalents of amounts pa in foreign currencies not effectively hedged					
Hong Kong dollars		-	1,535	-	•

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	Note	Consolidated		Morganite Austral Pty. Limited	
		1999	1998	1999	Limit ea 1998
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NOTE 18 - PROVISIONS (NON-CURRENT)					
Employee entitlements	24	4,603	4,514	1,145	1,170
Deferred income tax liability		-	19	-	-
Lease liability	23	-	55	-	-
Other		200	225	-	-
		4,803	4,813	1,145	1,170
NOTE 19 - SHARE CAPITAL					
Issued and paid up capital					
3,479,850 ordinary shares each fully	y paid	6,960	6,960	6,960	6,960
24,500 non-cumulative non-participating redeemable					
preference shares each fully paid		24,516	24,516	24,500	24,500
		31,476	31,476	31,460	31,460
Movement in preference shares:					
Balance 4 January 1999		24,516	49	24,500	49
Transfer from share premium account	ıt	-	24,451	-	24,451
Transfer from capital redemption res	erve		16		
		24,516	24,516	24,500	24,500

Preference shares:

The non-cumulative non-participating redeemable preference shares are redeemable at the issue price at any time by the Company.

The rate of dividend shall be determined by the directors. At the end of the financial year there were no dividends in arrears.

	Consolidated 1999 1998		_	e Australia Limited 1998
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NOTE 20 - RESERVES	•••	4000		4455
Share premium Capital redemption	-	-	-	-
Asset revaluation Foreign currency translation	8,117 (608)	9,542 (251)	7,211	7,211
	7,509	9,291	7,211	7,211
Movements in reserves Share premium				
Balance 4 January 1999 Transfer to share capital	- -	24,451 (24,451)	-	24,451 (24,451)
•			~	-
Capital redemption				
Balance 4 January 1999 Transfer to share capital	-	16 (16)	-	-
	-			
Asset revaluation				
Balance 4 January 1999 Transfer to retained profits on disposal	9,542	9,542	7,211	13,835
of property, plant and equipment	(1,425)	-	_	(6,624)
	8,117	9,542	7,211	7,211
Foreign currency translation				
Balance 4 January 1999 Net gain/(loss) on translation of	(251)	(1,273)	-	-
overseas controlled entities	(357)	1,022		
	(608)	(251)	_	-
NOTE 21 - OUTSIDE EQUITY INTERESTS				
Outside equity interests in controlled entities comprise:				
Share capital Reserves	6,626 (314)	6,626 (141)		
Retained profits	4,717	4,090		
	11,029	10,575		

		Consolidated 1999 1998		Pty. I	Morganite Australia Pty. Limited 1999 1998	
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
NOT	TE 22 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS					
(a)	Reconciliation of cash For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and in banks net of outstanding bank overdrafts. Cash at the end of the financial year as shown in the statement of cash flows is reconciled to the related items in the balance sheet as follows:					
	Cash	13,570	13,028	125	118	
	Bank overdraft	(1)		(5,400)	(512)	
	,	13,569	13,028	(5,275)	(394)	
(b)	Reconciliation of operating profit (loss) after income tax to the net cash flows from operating activities					
	Operating profit (loss) after income tax	1,326	2,890	6,368	(2,144)	
	Depreciation	6,833	5,445	666	623	
	Amortisation	2,218	6,627	109	3,383	
	Provision for doubtful debts	(36)	(53)	(34)	26	
	Net profit on disposal of property,	4.00	(0.5)		(00)	
	plant and equipment	(6)	(26)	(6)	(90)	
	Loss on sale of investments	- (2.759)	100	(100)	(621)	
	Increase/(decrease) in income taxes payable (Increase)/decrease in future tax benefit	(2,758) 1,400	1,510 1,429	(100) (46)	(631) 89	
	(mcrease)/decrease in future tax benefit	1,400	1,429	(40)	0,7	
	Changes in assets and liabilities net of effects from acquisitions/disposals of controlled entities:					
	(Increase)/decrease in receivables	3,464	(8,707)	(826)	1,502	
	(Increase)/decrease in inventories	8,084	1,838	642	524	
	Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable	(3,585)	12,469	257	(1,701)	
	Increase/(decrease) in provisions	(474)	(1,500)	(58)	(7)	
	Net cash flows from operating activities	16,466	22,022	6,972	1,574	

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			olidated	•	Limited
		1999	1998	1999	1998
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
N(OTE 22 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)				
(c)	Acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of BHP Refractories Pty. Ltd. on 31 May 1998				
	Details of the acquisition are as follows:				
	Fair value of net assets acquired				
	Land and buildings	-	2,754	-	-
	Plant and equipment	(609)	35,261	_	•
	Inventories	-	22,393	-	-
	Deferred tax asset	-	4,033	-	-
	Future income tax benefit	216	920	-	-
	Provisions	-	(2,556)		
	,	(393)	62,805		
	Goodwill	1,083	7,363	-	-
		690	70,168		
			70,100		
	Outflow of cash to acquire business				
	Total consideration	690	70,168		•
	Deferred consideration payable	6,614	(6,614)	-	-
		7,304	63,554		
					
	Acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Electro Mechanical Carbon Pty. Ltd. on 1 April 1999.				
	Details of the acquisition are as follows:				
	Fair value of net assets acquired				
	Plant and equipment	387	_	387	-
	Inventories	266	-	266	-
	Future income tax benefit	25	-	25	-
	Accounts payable	(194)	••	(194)	-
	Provisions	<u>(69)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69)</u>	
		415	_	415	_
	Goodwill	724	-	724	-
	Godwin				
		1,139	-	1,139	-
	Outflow of cash to acquire business				_
	Total consideration	1,139	-	1,139	***
	Deferred consideration payable	(600)	-	(600)	-
	• •				
		539	<u>-</u>	539	<u> </u>
	- 2	1 _			

				Morganite Australia		
		Con	solidated	Pty. L	imited	
		1999	1998	1999	1998	
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
NO	TE 22 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW (Continued)					
(c)	Acquisition of certain assets and liabilities of Beacon Engineering Products Pty. Ltd. on 1 July 1999					
	Details of the acquisition are as follows:					
	Fair value of net assets acquired					
	Plant and equipment	109	-	-	-	
	Inventories	710	-	-	-	
	Future income tax benefit	14	-	-	-	
	Provisions	(79)	, 	-	-	
		754				
	Goodwill	627	-	-	. •	
		1 201				
		1,381	<u>-</u>			
	Total payment for purchase					
	of businesses	9,224	-	539	_	
(d)	Proceeds from sale of Epirez Australia Pty. Ltd. on 7 April 1999					
	Details of the disposal are as follows: Proceeds	27,111	_	27,111	_	
	Fair net value of net assets disposed					
	Cash	318	-	-	-	
	Property, plant and quipment	11,861	-	. •••	-	
	Inventories	3,378	-	-	-	
	Receivables	4,656	-		-	
	Future income tax benefit	392	-	<u>-</u>	-	
	Goodwill	4,764	-	-	-	
	Accounts payable	(3,240)	-	-	-	
	Provisions	(472)	-	- 24 501	-	
	Investment	-	-	24,581	-	
		21,657		24,581	•	
	Profit on disposal	5,454	-	2,530	-	
		27,111	-	27,111	-	

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NOTE 22 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) (e) Financing Facilities The following lines of credit were available to the company and its controlled entities at balance date: Total facilities	1998
(Continued) (e) Financing Facilities The following lines of credit were available to the company and its controlled entities at balance date:	\$000
The following lines of credit were available to the company and its controlled entities at balance date:	
Total facilities	
Bank overdraft 5,000 6,000 2,000 3	3,000
Bank loan facility <u>56,000</u> 61,000 -	
61,000 67,000 2,000 3	3,000
Used at balance date	
Bank overdraft 5,400	512
Bank loan 47,000 50,000 -	-
47,000 50,000 5,400	512
Unused at balance date	
Bank overdraft 5,000 6,000 2,000 3	3,000
Bank loan 9,000 11,000 -	-
14,000 17,000 2,000 3	,000

The company and its wholly owned group are parties to a Group Limit Overdraft Facility of \$2 million. A partly owned controlled entity also has an overdraft facility of \$3 million. These overdraft facilities may be drawn at any time and are subject to annual review. They may be terminated or reduced by written notice from the bank at any time.

A partly owned controlled entity has a bank loan facility of \$56 million which expires on 11 June 2001. This facility will reduce to \$51 million on 4 January 2001.

The current interest rates on the bank loan and overdraft are 5.75% and 7.95% respectively.

	Note	Conso	lidated	Morganite A	
		1999	1998	1999	1998
		\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NOTE 23 - EXPENDITURE COM	MITMENTS				
Lease expenditure commitments					
(i) Operating leases (non-cancellable) payable				
- not later than one year		2,924	3,174	1,383	1,622
- later than one year and not later	two years	1,573	2,179	959	1,098
- later than two years and not late	r than five years	664	1,492	513	964
- later than five years	•		. 59		59
		5,161	6,904	2,855	3,743
(ii) Finance leases payable		=			
- not later than one year		-	24	-	-
- later than one year but not later	than two years	-	55	-	-
- later than two years but not late	r than five years	-	-		
Total minimum lease payments		-	79		-
Future finance charges		-	(19)	-	_
Lease liability		-	60		
Current liability	13		5		-
Non-current liability	18	-	55		
		-	60	-	-
Capital expenditure commitments					
Capital expenditure contracted for but	t not				
otherwise provided for in these account					
payable not later than one year.		3	3	3	3

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			Morganite	Australia
	Consolie	dated	Pty. Li	mited
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
NOTE 24 - EMPLOYEE ENTITLEMENTS				
Aggregate employee entitlement liabilities:				
Provisions (current)	4,267	4,963	1,111	1,075
Provisions (non-current)	4,603	4,514	1,145	1,170
	8,870	9,477	2,256	2,245
NOTE 25 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES				
Bank guarantees - unsecured	2,123	2,578	-	

NOTE 26 - SUPERANNUATION COMMITMENTS

At the end of the financial year corporations in the economic entity participated in a defined benefit superannuation plan. This plan provides benefits to members on retirement, disability or death. Members and corporations in the economic entity make contributions to the plan based on percentages of the salaries and wages of the members. Corporations in the economic entity make contributions to the plan on the basis of actuarial advice and in amounts designed to adequately fund the retirement benefits provided for in the rules of the plan however, this obligation is not legally enforceable.

An actuarial assessment of the plan was last completed by T. Falzarano FIAA as at 30 June 1996.

Based on calculations prepared as at 30 June 1996 in conjunction with the actuarial assessment, the assets of the fund were sufficient to satisfy all benefits that would have been vested under the plan in the event of termination of the plan, and voluntary or compulsory termination of employment of each member of the plan.

The accrued benefits based on the last actuarial assessment and the plan assets at net market value at 30 June 1996 and vested benefits at 30 June 1999 of the superannuation plan sponsored by the corporations in the economic entity are:

	Consolidated 1999
Net market value of plan assets at 30 June 1996	\$000 18,573
Accrued benefits at 30 June 1996	13,265
Surplus	5,308
Vested benefits at 30 June 1999	17,345
Defined benefit superannuation expense	1,050

NOTE 27 - INVESTMENT IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES AND CONTRIBUTION TO CONSOLIDATED PROFIT

Name	Country of Incorporation	Contribution to consolidated results			Investment and beneficial interest 1999 199		
		1999 \$000	1998 \$000	%	\$000	%	1998 \$000
Morganite Australia Pty. Limited	Australia	6,368	(2,144)				
CONTROLLED ENTITIES							
Churchill Instrument Co. Pty. Limited	Australia	-	-	100	#	100	#
Demtar Pty. Limited	Australia	-	-	100	#	100	#
Epirez Australia Pty. Limited ^	Australia	5,400	- .	-	-	100	6,144
Morgan Chemical Products Pty. Limited ^	Australia	155	57	-	-	100	15
Epirez Adelaide Pty. Limited ^	Australia	-	-	-	-	100	16
Epirez Melbourne Pty. Limited ^	Australia	-	-	-	-	100	27
Epirez Sydney Pty. Limited ^	Australia	-	-	-	-	100	63
Thermal Ceramics Australia Pty. Limited	Australia	(1,245)	340	100	8,197	100	8,197
Metricpyr Pty. Limited	Australia	-	-	100	33	100	33
Morganite Aikoh Limited	Australia	-	-	100	561	100	561
Morganite Insulating Products Pty. Limited	Australia	65	(46)	100	4,493	100	4,493
Shinagawa Thermal Ceramics Pty. Limited +	Australia	712	6,291	70	15,719	70	15,456
Carbon Brush Mfg. Co. Pty. Limited	Australia	-		100	2,779	100	2,779
Southern Cross Insulations Pty. Limited	Australia	•	-	100	501	100	501
Dulmison Australia Pty. Limite	d Australia	1	(440)	100	#	100	#
Carbon Mechanical Products Pty. Limited	Australia	(103)	(100)	100	#	100	#
Morgan Mechanical Carbon Australasia Pty. Limited	Australia	260	(52)	100	#	100	#
Carbon Mechanical Products (Singapore) Pte. Limited +	Singapore	-	-	100	35	100	35

NOTE 27 - INVESTMENT IN CONTROLLED ENTITIES AND CONTRIBUTION TO CONSOLIDATED PROFIT (Continued)

Name	Country Contribution to consolidated Incorporation results		olidated	Investment and beneficial interest			
	•	1999 \$ 000	1998 \$000	%	1999 \$000	%	1998 \$000
Morgan Carbon (M) Sdn. Bhd. +	Malaysia	(97)	(22)	100	42	100	42
Edwin Properties Pty. Limited	Australia	-	-	100	394	100	394
Morlynn Ceramics Pty. Limited	Australia	(258)	98	100	17,206	100	17,206
Banool Investments (Vic) Pty. Limited	Australia	(14)	(16)	100	1,099	100	1,099
Dulmison Pty. Limited	Australia	1,159	1,158	100	13,657	100	13,657
Dulmison (Thailand) Co. Limited*	Thailand	1,238	1,426	66.7	#	66.7	#
Consolidated adjustments		(12,315)	(3,660)		(15,226)		(15,347)
		1,326	2,890		49,490		55,371

- (a) Entities marked (*) have been audited by other member firms of Ernst & Young International.
- (b) Entities marked (+) have been audited by other firms.
- (c) Entities marked (^) were sold during the year.
- (d) All entities incorporated overseas carry on business in their country of incorporation.
- (e) The investments in all entities have been rounded to the nearest \$1,000. This has resulted in the value of the investments in entities marked (#) being reduced to zero.

	Consolidated		Morganite Australia Pty. Limited	
	1999 \$000	1998 \$000	1999 \$000	1998 \$000
NOTE 28 - REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS				
Directors' remuneration				
Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available to all directors of each entity in the economic entity, directly or indirectly, by the entities of which they are directors or any related entity:	1,581	1,958		
Income paid or payable, or otherwise made available to all directors of the company, directly or indirectly, by the entity or by any related entity:			511	929
The number of directors whose total income from the company or related parties falls within the following bands:				
\$ 0 - \$ 9,999 \$100,000 \$100,000			3	2
\$190,000 - \$199,999 \$230,000 - \$239,999			1	1 -
\$270,000 - \$279,999 \$340,000 - \$349,999 \$380,000 - \$389,999			1 - -	1
NOTE 29 - REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS				
Remuneration of the auditors of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited from entities in the economic entity for:				
Audit of the financial reports Other services	151 7	166	75 2	52
Other services	<u> </u>	166	79	52
Remuneration of the auditors other than the auditor of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited for:	<u>158</u>	<u>166</u>		
Audit of the financial reports of subsidiary entities	101	92	_	_
Sacsialary Citities	101	258	-	52

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NOTE 30 - RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

(a) The directors of Morganite Australia Pty. Limited during the year were:

R.C. Blayney

N.G. Howard (appointed 25 August 1999)

P.J. Leckie

V.J. Maundrell (resigned 25 August 1999)

G.P. Roche

(b) The following related party transactions occurred during the year:

Transactions with director-related entity

1. Consultancy services were provided on normal commercial terms and conditions to the company by Darnley Associates Pty. Limited of which Mr. P.J. Leckie was a director.

Transactions with related parties in the wholly owned group

- 2. Purchases of trading stock under normal commercial terms and conditions aggregating \$5,870,000 (1998 \$7,376,000) were undertaken with related parties.
- 3. Management service fees of \$369,000 (1998 \$1,058,000) were charged by related parties.
- 4. Technical fees and trademark royalties of \$1,753,000 (1998 \$1,247,000) a management services fee of \$3,552,000 (1998 \$3,360,000) and a guarantee fee of \$553,000 (1998 \$575,000) were charged by the ultimate controlling entity in accordance with the terms of various written agreements.
- 5. The bank loan provided to a partly owned controlled entity is secured by a guarantee from the ultimate controlling entity.
- 6. The company has loaned \$10,100,000 to Alexandria Investments Pty. Ltd. with no interest payable or set repayment terms.
- (c) Alexandria Investments Pty. Limited is the ultimate Australian parent entity and its ultimate controlling entity is The Morgan Crucible Company plc.

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NOTE 31 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company's accounting policies, including terms and conditions of each class of financial asset, financial liability and equity instrument, both recognised and unrecognised at balance date are as follows:

Trade receivables are carried at the invoiced amount less any provision for doubtful debts - credit sales are on 30 day terms or as contracted. An estimate of doubtful debts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable. Bad debts are written off as incurred.

Amounts due to and from related parties are carried at the nominal amounts due under normal commercial terms.

Trade creditors and accruals are shown by recognising the amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the company - terms are varied but are normally 30 days.

Details of the company's issued share capital are set out in Note 19.

Assets and liabilities of the company shown in the balance sheet approximate their net fair value.

The company's maximum exposure to credit risk at balance date in relation to each class of recognised financial asset is the carrying amount of those assets as indicated in the balance sheet.

NOTE 32 - EVENTS OCCURRING AFTER REPORTING DATE

On 28 March 2000 the company sold its investment in Morlynn Ceramics Pty. Limited which was the holding company for its power industry businesses in Australia.

This event had no financial effect on the performance of the economic entity for the year ended 4 January 2000.

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NOTE 33 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

(a) Industry Segments	Sales Revenue		Operati	ing Profit	Total Assets		
	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000	
Ceramics	45,805	44,838	2,395	1,704	44,778	38,900	
Refractory	99,612	87,231	589	8,813	113,985	136,132	
Industrial	26,740	47,213	897	(2,243)	14,660	40,087	
	172,157	179,282	3,881	8,274	173,423	215,119	
Unallocated			267	(95)	12,706	1,186	
Consolidated	172,157	179,282	4,148	8,179	186,129	216,305	
(b) Geographical Segme	ents						
Australia	161,369	168,074	2,185	6,324	175,335	206,922	
South East Asia	10,788	11,208	1,696	1,950	10,761	9,383	
	172,157	179,282	3,881	8,274	186,096	216,305	
Unallocated			267	(95)	-	-	
Consolidated	172,157	179,282	4,148	8,179	186,096	216,305	

Notes

- (i) The economic entity operates predominantly in the following industries:
 - manufacture and distribution of ceramic products and metal line fittings.
 - manufacture and distribution of refractory products.
 - manufacture and distribution of industrial consumable products.
- (ii) The above figures are after elimination of inter-company transactions.

 There are no material inter-segment sales. Inter-segment pricing is on normal commercial terms and conditions.