

Lithgows Limited



Report and Financial Statements 2007

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

2007 has proved to be a further challenging year for many of the activities within the Group, and I am therefore pleased to be able to report a pre-tax profit for the year. Indeed, when the figures for the previous year are adjusted to remove the exceptional income reported on the waiver of a loan balance, the profit for 2007 shows an increase on that reported for 2006

We have also taken the opportunity to revalue certain classes of fixed assets held within the Group, and to value investments under the alternative accounting rules in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. This significantly strengthens our Balance Sheet, which is now more truly reflective of the value and covenant of the Group's assets.

The market in which our salmon farming company operates has remained reasonably stable over the last year, continuing to benefit from the establishment of a European minimum import price. The industry within Scotland continues to consolidate, but demand for the company's product remains strong. It has obtained notable success in improving the quality and performance of its stocks, benefiting from the breeding programme that the Landcatch group of companies has established over a number of years, and we remain confident that this will lead to increased demand for our stocks.

The Chilean industry has faced some considerable difficulties in the course of 2007, but it continues to move forward at a pace. Our joint venture company, Landcatch Chile SA, was impacted by the general problems encountered by the Chilean salmon industry and this reduced the level of its reported profitability for 2007. However, with the acquisition of additional production facilities, it is participating fully in the growth of the Chilean industry, and with the strengths of the Landcatch breeding programme underpinning it, it is well placed to benefit strongly from this.

The level of investment activity in which Prosper operates, through directly owned and joint venture companies, is currently significant. Customers, both existing and potential, have a large number of contracts ongoing and planned for the future. Confidence has been boosted by the high energy and global oil prices, and competitive pricing remains a feature. The UK market has continued to be strongly impacted by the importation of cheaper manufactured product from the Far East. In response to this, Prosper Group has established, through joint ventures, facilities overseas, which assist in the sourcing, testing and supply of suitably qualified raw material and fully finished product. These new facilities, allied to production facilities in the UK, will enable the Prosper Group of companies to be a worldwide player in the manufacture and supply of studbolts, nuts and bar. By continuing to progress with the establishment of trading links with other partners and major customers, they will have a significant degree of influence in the markets of Europe, USA and the Far East.

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

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Whilst its high quality facilities and resources have been invaluable in attracting work from new customers in the commercial sector, Buckie Shipyard experienced a further disappointing year, with the level of direct hours obtained being insufficient to enable profitability to be earned on a regular and sustained basis

Our electrical contracting business, McKinlay & Blair, has traded well during the year, as well as being an invaluable support to other Group operations. The hydro scheme operating in The Marine Resource Centre at Barcaldine continues to generate increased levels of profitability, and projects for the development of further renewable energy schemes on the site in the near future remain under consideration, given the recent changes to the incentives to generate renewable energy.

Our property assets and investments continue to be actively managed for long term capital growth, reflected in the revaluations that have taken place, and opportunities are being progressed in order to maximise further shareholder value

JAMES F LITHGOW Chairman

March 17, 2008

Directors

Mr JF Lithgow * (Chairman)

Mr J A Lithgow* (Deputy Chairman)

Mr. H.M. Currie (Managing Director)

Mr. F G Hogg**

The Rt Hon Lord Lang of Monkton⁺

Mr A R Reid (Company Secretary)

Mr S L Rickman*+

Mr AWC Wishart (Finance Director)

Registered Office

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⁺ Denotes non executive

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors submit their report and audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007

Results and dividends

The Group trading profit for the year before taxation amounted to £161,000

Dividends of £3,088 were paid during the year, and these have been deducted from reserves

Review of the business

The Group's principal operating subsidiaries and their activities during the year are shown on page 26. Lithgows Limited is the holding company for the Group. Comments on the results for the year and on future developments are contained in the Chairman's statement on pages 1 and 2.

Directors and their interests

The directors as at December 31, 2007 are stated on page 3

The director who retires from the board by rotation at the next Annual General Meeting is The Rt. Hon. Lord Lang of Monkton who, being eligible, offers himself for re-election

The following directors had the undernoted interests in the ordinary and preference share capital of Lithgows Limited at December 31, 2007 and at December 31, 2006, or date of appointment, if later.

		r <u>y shares</u> Beneficial	7 5% Preference	e shares Beneficial
	2007	interest 2006	2007	interest 2006
J F Lithgow J A Lithgow	2,469 1,440	2,469 1,440	506,000 108,000	506,000 108,000

No other director at December 31, 2007 had any interest in the share capital of the company or in any subsidiary during the year

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

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 financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The financial statements are required by law to 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Group will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and of the Group, 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 Group and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

In so far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and the directors have taken all steps they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information, and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Group, of which the company is a member, has a risk management programme that seeks to limit the adverse effects of the financial performance of the Group by monitoring the level of debt finance and the related finance costs. The Group does not use derivative financial instruments to manage interest rate costs and as such, no hedge accounting is applied.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Financial risk management objectives and policies (continued)

Credit Risk

The Group has implemented a policy that requires credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. The amount of exposure to any individual customer is subject to authorisation limits and procedures delegated to company management by the Group board, and is subject to regular review.

Liquidity risk

The Group maintains a mixture of long-term and short-term debt finance that is designed to ensure the Group has sufficient available funds for its operations at an acceptable cost

Interest rate cash flow risk

The Group has both interest bearing assets and liabilities. The interest bearing assets normally include only cash balances. The Group has a policy of maintaining debt at both fixed and floating rates, thereby enabling the Group to benefit from any reduction in interest rates whilst still maintaining an element of certainty over the future interest cash flows. The Group board will regularly review the appropriateness of this policy.

Corporate governance

Whilst it is under no obligation to meet the requirements of the Financial Services Authority, the Lithgows' Group places a high degree of importance on corporate governance and has for some years honoured many of the recommendations of the Combined Code. The Board includes 3 non executive directors and meets on a regular basis to discuss the strategic development of the Group, and to monitor the day to day implementation of the Group strategy throughout the various subsidiary companies. The remuneration of the executive directors is fixed by a committee of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and 2 non executive directors. The Board have an Audit Committee who receive reports from both the external auditors and the internal audit function to satisfy themselves as to the effectiveness of the Group's financial operating procedures and internal controls. Whilst the concentration has been on financial controls to date, it is intended to extend this to a more comprehensive review of all internal controls and risk assessment within the Group.

DIRECTORS' REPORT

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Disabled employees

Full and fair consideration is given to applications for employment by disabled persons, having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities, bearing in mind the nature of the position applied for Opportunities given to a disabled person for the continuance of employment, appropriate training and career development, are in line with those given to any other employee of the Group

Employees

Consultative procedures enable management and other employees to discuss matters of mutual interest. Through these procedures and departmental channels employees are able to be kept informed about Group affairs.

<u>Auditors</u>

A resolution to reappoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985 will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

AR. REID

Director & Company Secretary

March 17, 2008

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LITHGOWS LIMITED

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements of Lithgows Limited for the year ended December 31, 2007 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the Group profit and loss account, the Group and company balance sheets, the Group cash flow statement, Group statement of total recognised gains and losses, statement of Group retained reserves and notes 1 to 27. 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 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

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

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant 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 and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not 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 misstatements within it

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF LITHGOWS LIMITED (continued)

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Basis of 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 circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed

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

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the parent company and the Group at December 31, 2007 and of the profit of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and that the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

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GRANT THORNTON UK LLP

Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants
Glasgow

March 17, 2008

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

TURNOVER Group and share of joint ventures' turnover Less share of joint ventures' turnover	<u>Notes</u>	2007 £'000	2007 £'000 25,422 (6,492)	2006 £'000 19,455 (2,517)
GROUP TURNOVER	1		18,930	16,938
Cost of sales	2		(15,039)	(12,854)
GROSS PROFIT Other operating income and charges Exceptional income	2 2	(3,754)	3,891	4,084 (3,632) 805
Total other operating income and charges			(3,754)	(2,827)
OPERATING PROFIT	3		137	1,257
Share of operating profit/(loss) of joint venture	s 9		316	(28)
			453	1,229
Net interest	5		(231)	(138)
Other finance costs	27		(61)	(177)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Taxation	6		161 (126)	914 (56)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION			35	858

GROUP STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSE	2 <u>007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Profit for the year	35	858
Exchange differences	617	(573)
Unrealised gain on investments	5,545	-
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of land	7,482	-
Actuarial gain arising in pension scheme	576	2,239
Write off of minority interest	-	111
Total recognised gains and losses for the year	14,255	2,635
NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	161	914
Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and the actual depreciation charge for the year calculated on the revalued amount	8	8
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	169	922
Historical cost profit retained	43	866

STATEMENT OF GROUP RETAINED RESERVES AND RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	Profit and loss account £'000	Reval uation surplus £'000	Capital redemption reserves	Total reserves £'000	Called up share capital £'000	Total share holders' funds £'000
At January 1, 2006	(4,768)	3,126	325	(1,317)	1,354	37
Movements in 2006						
Exchange differences joint venture other	(367) (44)	(162)		(367) (206)		(367) (206)
Actuanal gain (note 27)	2,239			2,239		2,239
Write off of minority interest	111			111		111
Dividends paid (note 7)	(1)			(1)		(1)
Profit for the year	858			858		858
At December 31, 2006	(1,972)	2,964	325	1,317	1,354	2,671
Movements in 2007						
Exchange differences joint venture other	251 89	277		251 366		251 366
Surplus on revaluation of fixed assets		7,482		7,482		7,482
Surplus on revaluation of investments		5,545		5,545		5,545
Actuarial gain (note 27)	576			576		576
Dividends paid (note 7)	(3)			(3)		(3)
Profit for the year	35			35		35
At December 31, 2007	(1,024)	16,268	325	15,569	1,354	16,923

<u>LITHGOWS LIMITED</u> GROUP BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

Fixed assets	<u>Notes</u>	£'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Tangible assets Investments	8	14,216	£ 000	6,443
Joint ventures Unlisted investments	9b 9 c	7,268 597		1,827 52
Offisted investments	90			
			22,081	8,322
Current assets	40	4.005		0.055
Stocks and work-in-progress	10 11	4,385 6,569		3,355 3,682
Debtors amounts falling due within one year Debtors amounts falling due after more than one year	11	2,179		1,897
Cash at bank and in hand	1.1	245		1,195
		13,378		10,129
		13,570		10,123
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	12	(12,121)		(8,547)
Net current assets			1,257	1,582
Total assets less current liabilities			23,338	9,904
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(879)	(1,091)
A converte and deferred income				
Accruals and deferred income Deferred grants			(269)	(301)
Net assets excluding pension liability			22,190	8,512
Pension hability	27		(5,267)	(5,841)
Net assets including pension liability			16,923	2,671
Capital and reserves	4.5			4 ***
Called up share capital	18		1,354	1,354
Reserves			15,569	1,317
Total shareholders' funds			16,923	2,671
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The financial statements were approved by the directors on March 17, 2008

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LITHGOWS LIMITED COMPANY BALANCE SHEET AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Notes</u>	£'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments	8	60		62
Subsidiary undertakings Joint venture Unlisted investments	9a 9b 9c	11,453 4,830 595		5,646 2 50
			16,938	5,760
Current assets				
Debtors amounts falling due within one year Debtors, amounts falling due after more	11	1,085		162
than one year Cash at bank and in hand	11	1,078 6		859 201
Craditary amounts falling due		2,169		1,222
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	12	(6,746)		(727)
Net current (liabilities)/assets			(4,577)	495
Total assets less current liabilities			12,361	6,255
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(595)	(782)
			11,766	5,473
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Reserves	18 19		1,354 10,412	1,354 4,119
Total shareholders' funds			11,766	5,473

The financial statements were proved by the directors on March 17, 2008

) Directors

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GROUP CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	20	(4,115)	81
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid Finance lease interest paid Loan interest paid Dividends paid		269 (312) (8) (180) (3)	143 (131) (2) (148) (1)
Net cash outflow from returns on investment and servicing of finance		(234)	(139)
Capital expenditure and financial investment Purchase of fixed assets Sale of fixed assets Investment in joint ventures Disposal of investments Receipt of grant		(301) 20 - 8	(241) 447 7 29 14
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from capital expenditure and financial investment		(273)	256
Financing Inception of loans Repayment of borrowings Capital element of finance lease rentals	21 21 21	(2,025) (35)	3,000 (552) (29)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing		(2,060)	2,419
(Decrease)/increase in cash	22	(6,682)	2,617

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable United Kingdom accounting standards

The principal accounting policies of the Group, which are summarised below, have remained unchanged from the previous year, apart from certain classes of fixed assets which have been revalued during the year. In terms of FRS 15, farm land and surplus land are considered to be separate classes of assets. The Group is also now valuing investments under the alternative accounting rules in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, as explained further below

In terms of the revaluation of certain classes of assets and investments, the directors have not sought to obtain valuations as at December 31, 2006 and to adjust the comparative figures

Basis of consolidation

The Group financial statements incorporate the results for the year, the state of affairs and the cash flow of the company and all its subsidiary undertakings. No profit and loss account is presented for the parent company, Lithgows Limited, as provided by S.230 of the Companies Act 1985 The profit of the parent company for the year to December 31, 2007 was £751,000 (2006 – loss of £1,125,000).

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Investments in subsidiary undertakings represent the original cost of acquisition plus any group balance outstanding. The parent company makes provision for the diminution in the value of investment in subsidiaries, or where a deficit exists in a subsidiary's net assets.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in joint ventures are carried in the balance sheet at directors' valuation reflecting the share of their net assets at the date of acquisition and of their post-acquisition retained profits or losses and any adjustment to the underlying carrying value to reflect revaluations, based on external advice. The investor's share of the results is included within the profit and loss account. The profit and loss account also shows the share of the joint ventures' turnover.

When the share of losses in a joint venture equals or exceeds its interest in the undertaking, the investor continues to recognise those losses until an irrevocable event occurs that marks its irreversible withdrawal from its investee as a joint venture

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Investment in unlisted investments

Unlisted investments are carried at market value or any value the directors consider appropriate in the circumstances.

Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each fixed asset other than land, by equal annual instalments over the estimated useful life. The rates most widely used are -

Freehold property 2%
Other freehold property - land - nil

Leasehold property shorter of 21/2% or over life of lease

Freehold slipways and jetties 2% 2½%

Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings 4% 20%

Motor vehicles 20% 25%

Office equipment 15%

Computer hardware 25%

Office equipment 15%
Computer hardware 25%
Computer software 50%

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable

Stocks and work-in progress

Stocks and work in progress are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value Cost includes materials, labour and, where appropriate, a proportion of production overheads based on normal levels of activity. Net realisable value is defined as the estimated selling price less future costs to completion and expenses of marketing and distribution.

Payments received and receivable to account of work-in progress are deducted from the cost or net realisable value. Payments to account in excess of costs to date of work in-progress are included in creditors.

Long term contracts

Profit on long term contracts is taken as the work is carried out if the final outcome can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The profit included is calculated on a prudent basis to reflect the proportion of the work carried out at the year end, by recording turnover and related costs, as defined in stocks and work-in progress above, as contract activity progresses. Turnover is calculated as that proportion of total contract value which costs incurred to date bear to total expected costs for that contract. Revenues derived from variations on contracts are recognised only when they have been accepted by the customer. Full provision is made for losses on all contracts in the year in which they are first foreseen.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences where the transactions or events that give the Group an obligation to pay more tax in the future, or a right to pay less tax in the future, have occurred by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets are recognised when it is more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Grants

Grants in respect of capital expenditure are credited to a deferred credit account and released to profit and loss account over the expected useful life of the assets to which they relate Revenue grants are released to profit over the life of the project to which they related

Financial instruments

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies during the year are converted into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates ruling at that date Unrealised gains and losses on translation of the assets, liabilities, profits and reserves of the overseas subsidiaries and joint ventures are dealt with as reserve movements, and other exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Assets obtained under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and their useful lives

The interest element of the contractual obligations is charged to profit and loss account over the period of the lease and approximates to a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease

Retirement benefits

Defined contribution pension scheme

The pension costs charged against operating profits are the contributions payable to the arrangements in respect of the accounting period.

The company also participates in a defined benefits scheme, The Lithgows Limited Pension Scheme, but is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. The pension costs charged against operating profit are the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period. Details in respect of the current deficit of the scheme are included in note 27 of these financial statements.

Defined benefit pension scheme

The Group operates The Lithgows Limited Pension Scheme Scheme assets are measured at fair values. Scheme Liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and are discounted at appropriate high quality corporate bond rates. The net surplus or deficit, adjusted for deferred tax, is presented separately from other net assets on the balance sheet. A net surplus is recognised only to the extent that it is recoverable by the Group

The current service cost and costs from settlements and curtailments are charged against operating profit. Past service costs are spread over the period until the benefit increases vest. Interest on the scheme liabilities and the expected return on scheme assets are included in other finance costs. Actuarial gains and losses are reported in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

Research and development

Expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2007

1 Group turnover

Turnover represents the amount of goods sold and services provided during the year, stated net of value added tax, together with the value of work completed in respect of long-term contracts in progress at the year end. The turnover is attributable to the following activities

	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Marine	2,646	2,453
Engineering	8,895	7,540
Aquaculture	6,797	6,428
Others	592	517
	18,930	16,938
Share of joint ventures' turnover Aquaculture	1,384	1,458
Engineering	5,080	1,002
Property	28	57
	25,422	19,455
Analysis of turnover by geographical area		
Throughout tarriers by goograpmour arou	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
UK	16,445	15,313
EU	1,077	456
Other Europe	641	148
USA and Canada	3	315
Asia and Australasia	716	563
South America	1	
Africa	11	97
Middle East		13
Caribbean	36	33
	18,930	16,938
Share of joint ventures' turnover	4.005	4 470
Americas	1,605	1,473
UK	2,735	655
Europe	1,400	343
Middle East	394	9
Africa	76	28
Others	282	9
	25,422	19,455

2 Cost of sales/other operating income and charges

	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Cost of sales	45.000	40.054
Cost of sales	15,039	12,854
Other operating income and charges.		
Distribution costs	465	424
Administrative costs	3,328	3,474
Other operating income Exceptional income	(39)	(266) (805)
	3,754	2,827

The exceptional income in 2006 arises from the waiver of a loan balance from a minority shareholder in a subsidiary company on the buy-out of their minority holding

3 Operating (loss)/profit

(a) This is stated after charging and crediting the following items

thoma sharmed	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Items charged	40	0.5
Fees payable to group auditors for audit of group financial statements	19	25
Fees payable to group auditors for audit of subsidiary companies Fees payable to group auditors for non-audit services	41	39
Depreciation of owned assets	372	506
Depreciation of assets held under finance		
leases and hire purchase contracts	35	10
Hire of plant	157	88
Operating lease rentals – plant and machinery	74	80
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	387	410
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	15	25
Items credited.		
Net rental income	14	9
Release from deferred grants	40	252
Gain on disposal of investments		28

3	Operating profit/(loss)
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(b) Directors' emoluments	<u>2007</u>	2006
	£'000	£'000
Aggregate emoluments	444	500
During the year, 5 directors (2006 – 5 directors) participated in defined be	enefit pensi	on schemes
The emoluments of the highest paid director were £148,346 (2006 £75) paid director's accrued pension at the year end was £82,494 (2006 £75)		The highest
4 Staff costs	2007	2006
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	4,300	4,166
Social security costs	374	378
Other pensions costs	270	252
	4,944	4,796
The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up	as follows	
	2007	2006
	No	No.
Marine	64	66
Engineering	81	87
Aquaculture	23	23
Others	20	19
	188	195
		
5 Net interest	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	£'000	£'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	(456)	(279)
Finance charges payable under finance leases and		4.00
hire purchase contracts	(8)	(2)
Other interest payable	(36)	
	(500)	(281)
Bank deposit interest received	23	37
Loan interest receivable	158	103
Other interest receivable	88	3
	(231)	(138)

6 <u>Taxation</u>		<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
The taxation charge for the year represents			
Share of tax charge on joint ventures' profits		126	56
		126	56
No reconciliation of the current tax charge has been tax losses within the Group	disclosed l	because of the av	allability of
7 <u>Dividends</u>		<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Preferred ordinary dividend – interim dividend of £5 25 (2006 £1 30) per share Ordinary dividend – £nil (2006 £nil) per share Preferred ordinary dividend – £nil (2006 £nil) per share		3	1
		3	1
8 Tangible fixed assets	~h -	Machinery, plant,	
Company	Freehold property £'000	vehicles and fittings £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation At January 1, 2007 and at December 31, 2007	331	162	493
Depreciation At January 1, 2007 Charge for the year	270 1	161 1	431 2
At December 31, 2007	271	162	433
Net book value At January 1, 2007	61	1	62
At December 31, 2007	60		60

8 Tangible fixed assets (continued)					<u>Machinery</u>	
	Freehold property £'000	Farm land £'000	Surplus land £'000	L <u>easehold</u> property £'000	plant vehicles and fittings £'000	<u>Total</u> £'000
Group						
Cost or valuation At January 1, 2007 Additions Disposals Exchange difference Surplus on revaluation	1,804	3,246 28 319 7,107	264 236	573	11,990 373 (151) 38	17,877 401 (151) 357 7,343
At December 31, 2007	1,804	10,700	500	573	12,250	25,827
Depreciation At January 1, 2007 Charge for the year Disposals Exchange difference Adjustment on revaluation	931 33	28 4 3 (35)	89 15 (104)	305 34	10,081 321 (116) 22	11,434 407 (116) 25 (139)
At December 31, 2007	964			339	10,308	11,611
Net book value At January 1, 2007	873	3,218	175	268	1,909	6,443
At December 31, 2007	840	10,700	500	234	1,942	14,216
Cost or valuation at December 31, 2007, comprises						
Cost Valuation in 1984 Valuation in 1999 Valuation in 2007	1,512 112 180	10,700	500	573	12,250	14,335 112 180 11,200
	1,804	10,700	500	573	12,250	25,827

Farm land and surplus land are considered to be separate classes of asset under the terms of FRS 15, and are included in the financial statements at valuation

The Group's farm land in Australia was revalued on March 5, 2008 by Messrs L J Hooker, a firm with specialist staff and knowledge in the valuation and marketing of rural properties in Western Australia, on the basis of a fair market appraisal

A site located in Buckie, which is surplus to the current operational requirements of the Group, was revalued on August 2, 2006 by F G Burnett Limited, a firm of Chartered Surveyors and Property Consultants, on the basis of market value as defined by the RICS

The directors have considered these valuations and reflected them in the financial statements as at December 31, 2007. The surpluses arising on these revaluations have been transferred to the revaluation reserve.

8 <u>Tangible fixed assets</u> (continued)

The historical cost and net book value for each category included at valuation is:

	<u>Farm</u> l <u>and</u> £'000	Surplus land £'000	Freehold property £'000	<u>Total</u> £'000
Historical cost.				
At January 1, 2007	458	264	151	873
Exchange difference	29			29
				
At December 31, 2007	487	264	151	902
Depreciation based on cost				
At January 1, 2007	68	89	24	181
Charge for the year	1	15	_	16
Exchange difference	5			5
				
At December 31, 2007	74	104	24	202
And the second		========		
Net historical cost value	200	175	127	692
At January 1, 2007	390	175	127	092
				
At December 31, 2007	413	160	127	700
				

Included in the amounts for machinery, plant, vehicles and fittings above are the following amounts relating to leased assets and assets acquired under finance leases and hire purchase contracts

<u>Company</u> £'000	
Net book value At January 1, 2007	110
	
At December 31, 2007	185
	

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(a) Subsidiary undertakings	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Company	2000	2000
Investment in subsidiary undertakings comprises		
Cost	12,068	12,068
Amounts written off	(1,181)	(5,690)
Amounts due by subsidiaries, less provisions	3,535	2,191
Amounts due to subsidiaries	(2,969)	(2,923)
Net book value	11,453	5,646
		

At December 31, 2007, the company had beneficial interests directly or indirectly (*) in the ordinary share capital of the undernoted principal operating subsidiary undertakings All are registered in Scotland unless otherwise stated and all are 100% owned

Nature of Business Company

Marine: Buckle Shipyard Limited

Engineering: Prosper Group Limited

Prosper Engineering Limited*

Aquaculture: Clachbreck Fish Farms*

Cruive Limited Inver Lochs Limited*

Knapdale Shipping (Campbeltown) Limited

Landcatch Limited
McKinlay & Blair Limited
Ormsary Fish Farms Limited*

The Manne Resource Centre Limited

MRC Energy Limited*

Primary Production: Lithgows Pty Limited (incorporated in Australia)

Finance: Inver Salmon Limited

Lithgow Factoring Limited

9 <u>Investments</u> (continued)

(b) Interest in joint ventures

Joint venture	Country of incorporation	Class of share capital held	Proportio by	n held Group	Nature of business
Landcatch Chile SA (through Landcatch Limited) Chile	Ordinary shares		50%	Fish Farming
Achadonn Limited (through Lithgows Limited)	Scotland	Ordinary shares		50%	Property Development
Prosper Distribution Limited (through Prosper Group Lim	nited) England	Ordinary Shares		50%	Engineering
Prosper Group Hong Kong L (through Prosper Group Lir	nited)				
	Hong Kong	Ordinary Shares		50%	Engineering
		Company Property Development Eng	ovnogeno.	<u>Fısh</u> <u>Farmıng</u>	Group
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000
At January 1, 2007		2	(267)	2,092	1,827
Share of (loss)/profit retained	by joint ventures	(172)	311	51	190
Exchange differences Share of revaluation of inves	tment	5,000	4	247	251 5,000
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
At December 31, 2007		4,830	48	2,390	7,268 ———
The Group's share in its joint	ventures as at De	cember 31, 2007 com	pnses		
Fixed assets			103	2,007	2,110
Current assets		10,782	2,090	1,926	14,825
Gross assets		10,782	2,193	3,933	16,935
1 calculations also countries and constant	_	4.005	4.000	4.440	
Liabilities due within one yea Liabilities due after more that		4,905 1,047	1,883 262	1,140 403	8,095 1,572
Gross liabilities		5,952	2,145	1,543	9,667
Net assets		4,830	48	2,390	7,268
Turnover		28	5,080	1,384	6,402
					-
(Loss)/profit before taxatio	n	(171) (1)	426 (115)	61 (10)	316) (126)
(Loss)/profit after taxation		(172)	311	51 	190

9 <u>Investments</u> (continued)

(b) Interest in joint ventures (continued)

The Group's share in its joint ventures as at December 31, 2006 comprises

	Company Property		<u>Fish</u>	Group
	Development £'000	Engineering £'000	Farming £'000	£'000
Fixed assets Current assets	5,354	86 1,691	1,610 1,013	1,696 8,058
Gross assets	5,354	1,777	2,623	9,754
Liabilities due within one year Liabilities due after more than one year	4,458 894	1,743 301	336 195	6,537 1,390
Gross liabilities	5,352	2,044	531	7,927
Net assets/(liabilities)	2	(267)	2,092	1,827
Turnover	57	1,002	1,458	2,517
(Loss)/profit before taxation Taxation	(107)	(260)	339 (56)	(28) (56)
(Loss)/profit after taxation	(107)	(260)	283	(84)
(c) Unlisted investments				
Unlisted investments comprise			Company £'000	Group £'000
Cost At January 1, 2007 Surplus on revaluation			94 545	193 545
At December 31, 2007			639	738
Amounts written off At January 1, 2007 and December 31, 2007			44	141
Net book value At January 1, 2007			50	52
At December 31, 2007			595	597

10	Stocks	and work	ın	progress
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10 Stocks and work in progress				
				Group
			2007	2006
			£'000	£'000
Raw material and consumables			1,805	740
Work in progress			83	510
Finished goods and goods for resale			727	560
Livestock			1,770	1,545
LIVESTOCK			1,770	1,545
				
			4,385	3,355
			4,300	3,300
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44 (5).14	,			•
11 <u>Debtors</u>		Company	2007	Group
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Amounto follono duo unthin ano usor				
Amounts falling due within one year				
Trade debtors	18	23	3,789	2,424
Amounts due from joint ventures	10	25	809	131
Other debtors	949	40	1,535	696
Prepayments and accrued income	98	7 0	416	411
Corporation tax	20	20	20	20
Corporation tax	20	20	20	20
		· · ·	 	
	1,085	162	6,569	3,682
	.,		0,000	0,000
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Amounts falling due after more than one year	•			
Amounts due from joint ventures	1,078	859	1,388	1,157
Other debtors			791	740
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	1,078	859	2,179	1,897
	-			·

12. Creditors amounts falling due within one year

	(Company		Group
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£,000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Bank facilities	6,031		7,141	1,409
Current instalments due on loans (note 14)	188	173	269	2,032
Obligations under finance lease and hire				
purchase contracts (note 15)			47	26
Trade creditors	19	30	2,591	3,176
Amounts due to joint ventures			87	9
Other taxes and social security costs	20	20	113	117
Other creditors	265	312	1,085	1,012
Pension contributions	35	30	35	30
Accruals	188	162	753	736
	6,746	727	12,121	8,547
				
13 Creditors amounts falling due after more	than one w	02T		
13 Creditors amounts failing due after more		Company		Group
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Loans (note 14)	595	782	765	1,027
Obligations under finance leases and	- - -	· - -		,
hire purchase contracts (note 15)			114	64
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	595	782	879	1,091
				•

14 <u>Loans</u>		Company		Group
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Loans are repayable as follows	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Not wholly repayable within five years			46	53
Wholly repayable within five years	783	995	988	3,006
			·	
	783	955	1,034	3,059
Instalments due				
After five years		504	7	14
Between two and five years	394 201	594 188	504 254	744 269
Between one and two years			204	
	595	782	765	1,027
Within one year (note 12)	188	173	269	2,032
Willim One year (16to 12)				
	783	955	1,034	3,059
Details of loans not wholly repayable within are as follows	five years			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Loan repayable in monthly instalments of £8 secured by a second ranking floating charge of the subsidiary company to whom the load is charged at the rate of 7 5% per annum	ge over the w	hole of the assets	46	53
Details of loans wholly repayable within five	years as folk	ows		
Loan repayable in monthly instalments of £4 June 2001, secured by a floating charge or recipient subsidiary. Interest is 1.75% about	ver the whole	assets of the	29	86
Loan repayable in two instalments each of £	:875,000 in J	une and July 2007	7,	
secured by a parent company guarantee I				1,750
per annum				1,750
Loan repayable in 60 monthly instalments of secured by a bond and floating charge over company, and guarantees totalling £967,00 Interest is charged at 1 5% above the bank	er the assets 00 from subs	of the parent	783	955
Loan repayable in 60 monthly instalments of secured by a first standard security over he relevant subsidiary, a bond and floating character the relevant subsidiary and a guarantee of	entable properarge over the	erty of the e assets of		
subsidiary Interest is charged at 1 5% abo			176	215
			1,034	3,059

14 <u>Loans</u> (continued)	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Analysis of changes in loan financing		
At January 1	3,059	611
Inception of new loans	•	3,000
Capital element of repayments	(2,025)	(552)
At December 31	1,034	3,059
15. Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts		
	2007 £'000	Group 2006 £'000
Amounts due within one year Amounts due within two to five years	55 127	32 73
	182	105
Less finance charges allocated to future periods	(21)	(15)
	161	90
The above shown as Current obligations (note 12) Non-current obligations (note 13)	47 114	26 64
	161	90

15. Obligations under leases and hire purchase contracts (continued)

	2007 £'000	Group 2006 £'000
Analysis of changes	2,000	2000
At January 1	90	17
Exchange	6	
New contracts	100	102
Capital element of repayments	(35)	(29)
At December 31	161	90
		=======================================
Annual commitments under non cancellable operating leases		
Addition community and the second community of the second		

	Land and buildings			<u>Other</u>
	2007	2006	<u> 2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leases which expire Within one year	1	1	34	13
Within the second to fifth years inclusive)		62	78
Over five years	390	385	-	-
	391	386	96	91
				

16 <u>Deferred taxation</u>

There is no deferred taxation liability as at December 31, 2007 or December 31, 2006

There are potential deferred tax assets within both the Group and Company as a consequence of accelerated capital allowances, other timing differences and taxation losses carried forward.

17 Minority interests	<u>2007</u> £'000	2006 £'000
At January 1 equity interest Amount written off during the year	 	111 (111)
At December 31 - equity interest		
18 Share capital Authorised	2007 £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Equity interests 9,346 ordinary shares of £100 each (2006 9,346) 654 preferred ordinary shares of £100 each (2006 654) 1,000,000 7 5% preference shares of £1 each (2006 1,000,000)	935 65 1,000	935 65 1,000
	2,000	2,000
Allotted, issued and fully paid Equity interests		
6,390 ordinary shares of £100 each (2006 6,390)	639	639
654 preferred ordinary shares of £100 each (2006 654) 650,000 7 5% preference shares of £1 each (2006 650,000)	65 650	65 650
	1,354	1,354

The preferred ordinary shares are non voting shares, but have rights to be paid out of the distributable profits of each financial year in preference to any dividend on the ordinary shares of the company, but after payment of the dividend on the preference shares. In the event of a winding up, the holders of the ordinary shares and the holders of the preferred ordinary shares shall rank pari passu.

The preference shares are non voting and non convertible and have no rights to share in dividends other than the fixed 7.5% dividend which is non cumulative and is payable at the discretion of the directors. As at December 31, 2007, the holders of the preference shares have put aside their option to redeem all or any of the fully paid up preference shares. In the event of a winding up, the holders of the preference shares shall rank ahead of the holders of the ordinary shares and the preferred ordinary shares, but only to the extent of being repaid at par

19 Company reserves and reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

Revaluation reserve £'000	reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total reserves £'000	Called up share capital £'000	<u>Total</u> £'000
At January 1, 2007 Profit for year Surplus on revaluation	325	3,794 751	4,119 751	1,354	5,473 751
of investments 5,54 Dividends	5	(3)	5,545 (3)		5,545 (3)
At December 31, 2007 5,54	5 325	4,542	10,412	1,354	11,766
20. Net cash (outflow)/inflow t	rom operating a	<u>ctivities</u>		<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Operating profit				137	1,257
Loss on disposal of fixed asse	is .			15 407	25 516
Depreciation (Increase)/decrease in stocks				(1,010)	142
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	}			(3,149)	146
Decrease in creditors				(482)	(1,716)
Release from deferred grants				(40)	(252)
Exchange rate movement Gain on disposal of investmen	ts			7 	(9) (28)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from	operating activi	ties		(4,115)	81

21 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the year (note 22) Net cash outflow/(inflow) from loans Cash outflow from finance leases	(6,689) 2,025 35	2,626 (2,448) 29
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(4,629)	207
Inception of finance leases Exchange difference	(100) 1	(102) (9)
Movement in net debt in the year	(4,728)	96
Net debt at January 1	(3,363)	(3,459)
Net debt at December 31	(8,091)	(3,363)

22 Analysis of change in net debt

<u>!</u>	At Jan 1 2007 £'000	Cash flow £'000	Non cash items £'000	Exchange difference £'000	At Dec 31 2007 £'000
Cash in hand and at bank Bank facilities	1,195 (1,409)	(957) (5,732)		7	245 (7,141)
Debt (note 14) Finance leases (note 15)	(214) (3,059) (90)	(6,689) 2,025 35	(100)	7 (6)	(6,896) (1,034) (161)
	(3,363)	(4,629)	(100)	1	(8,091)

23. Related parties

During the year companies within the Group were involved in contracts with Ormsary Farmers and Inver Farmers. Sir William Lithgow, a shareholder of the parent company, holds an interest in both these partnerships, James Lithgow, a shareholder and director of the parent company, holds an interest in the Ormsary Farmers partnership and John Lithgow, also a shareholder and director of the parent company, holds an interest in the Inver Farmers partnership. These contracts were on an arm's length basis and were in respect of the provision of services by Ormsary Farmers and Inver Farmers to rear fish stocks at Ormsary, Argyll, the provision by Ormsary Farmers of consultancy services, and the provision of electrical contracting and labour to Ormsary Farmers and Inver Farmers.

The Group provides certain husbandry and management services under contract to Landcatch Natural Selection Limited, whose share capital is owned by a company whose shareholding is the same as that of Lithgows Limited Also, the Group receives under contract from Landcatch Natural Selection Limited, the supply of salmon ova and parr, as well as the provision of a veterinary health service.

The Group has provided loans and extended credit to Landcatch Natural Selection Limited. These loans and extended credit are interest bearing, with a deferment in terms of both capital and interest repayment.

During 2007 the parent company continued to provide management services to Achadonn Properties Limited, a subsidiary company of its joint venture, Achadonn Limited An interest bearing loan balance due from Achadonn Properties Limited remains outstanding at the year end

Through Prosper Group Limited, interests are held in two joint venture companies, Prosper Distribution Limited and Prosper Group Hong Kong Limited On the formation of Prosper Distribution Limited, a loan was provided by Prosper Group Limited and in addition to the sale and purchase of some product in the course of the year, there have been recharges of management costs from the Prosper Group to Prosper Distribution Limited

The separate joint venture in Prosper Group Hong Kong Limited was established to invest in an overseas subsidiary in China, Prosper Bolts Engineering (Shanghai) Limited The Prosper Group of companies have provided a loan to the Prosper Group Hong Kong companies, and have received some services from China in the course of 2007.

Loans have been advanced to the parent company by J F. Lithgow and J.A Lithgow, both shareholders and directors of the company, and there are balances which remain outstanding at December 31, 2007

23 Related parties (continued)

Details of the values of these services supplied during the financial years to December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006 are shown below

	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000
Provision of services to Landcatch Natural Selection Limited Interest arising on loan to Landcatch Natural Selection Limited	2,147 160	1,807 52
Provision of electrical contracting services to Ormsary Farmers Provision of electrical contracting services to Inver Farmers	46 6	6 4
Provision of services to Achadonn Properties Limited Interest arising on Ioan to Achadonn Properties Limited	50 66	50 52
Supply of material product to Prosper Distribution Limited Provision of services to Prosper Distribution Limited Sale of tangible fixed assets to Prosper Distribution Limited Provision of services to Prosper Group Hong Kong Limited, and subsidiary company	4,195 375	516 84 4 279
Provision of services by Ormsary Farmers to rear fish stocks Provision of services by Inver Farmers to rear fish stocks	535 49	1,215 213
Supply of salmon ova and parr by Landcatch Natural Selection Limited Provision of veterinary services by	395	432
Landcatch Natural Selection Limited	10	18
Supply of material product by Prosper Distribution Limited Supply of material product by Prosper Bolts Engineering	306	144
(Shanghai) Limited	116	130

23 Related parties (continued)

Details of the balances outstanding at the balance sheet dates are shown below

	<u>2007</u> £'000	2006 £'000
Loan balances due by Landcatch Natural Selection Limited Accrued interest due by Landcatch Natural Selection Limited	1,545 146	645 95
Loan balance due by Achadonn Properties Limited	1,078	859
Loan balance due by Prosper Distribution Limited Loan balance due by Prosper Group Hong Kong Limited	50 260	50 260
Due by Ormsary Farmers Due by Inver Farmers Due by Landcatch Natural Selection Limited	37 4 2,077	5 4 55
Due by Prosper Distribution Limited Due by Prosper Bolts Engineering (Shanghai) Limited	809	160 151
Loan balance due to J.F Lithgow Loan balance due to J A Lithgow	90 68	54 29
Due to Ormsary Farmers Due to Inver Farmers Due to Landcatch Natural Selection Limited	204 34 15	542 186 26
Due to Prosper Distribution Limited Due to Prosper Bolts Engineering (Shanghai) Limited Due to Prosper Group Hong Kong Limited	42 44 2	208 20

24 Capital commitments

	Company		Group		
	2007 2006		2007	2006	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Contracted for but not provided in					
these financial statements			94		

25 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at either December 31, 2007 or December 31, 2006.

26 Guarantees and financial commitments

The company has an overdraft facility arrangement which is secured by a bond and floating charge over the assets of the company and a guarantee provided by the shareholders. At December 31, 2007 there were borrowings of £6,031,000 (2006 £nil) in respect of this facility

The parent company has also provided guarantees to joint venture partners and subsidiary companies in respect of loans advanced. As at December 31, 2007 the amount covered by these guarantees totalled £546,000 (2006 £2,303,000)

Bank facilities have been provided to certain subsidiary companies which are secured by the provision of a bond and floating charge over the assets of the specific subsidiary company. As at December 31, 2007 the amount covered by these charges totalled £932,000 (2006 £1,409,000).

27 <u>Pension commitments</u>

The Group operates a defined contribution stakeholder pension scheme for the benefit of employees. The assets of the scheme are administered externally to the Group in funds independent from the Group.

The Group also operates a defined benefit scheme, The Lithgows Limited Pension Scheme The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group, being managed by independent fund managers. Cost and liabilities are based on actuarial valuations. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the Group. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of regular valuations, the most recent of which was at April 5, 2003, and updated to December 31, 2007. The valuation used the projected unit method. The major assumptions used by the actuary were

	<u>December 31</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2006</u>	<u>December 31</u> <u>2005</u>
Rate of increase in salaries			
Staff/executives	3 90%	3 50%	3 30%
Hourly paid members	3 40%	3 00%	2 80%
Rate of increase of pensions in payment			
Staff/executives (future service)	2 50%	2 50%	2 50%
Hourly paid members (future service)	2 50%	2 50%	2 50%
Discount rate	5 80%	5 10%	4 70%
Inflation assumption	3 40%	3 00%	2 80%

The assets in the scheme and the expected rate of return were

	<u>Dec 31</u> <u>2007</u>	Dec 31 2007 £'000	<u>Dec 31</u> <u>2006</u>	Dec 31 2006 £'000	<u>Dec 31</u> <u>2005</u>	Dec 31 2005 £'000
Equities	7 0%	14,385	7 0%	14,633	6 6%	13,591
Bonds	4 2%	5,534	3 8%	4,999	3 4%	5,557
Property	7 0%	985	7 0%	1,275	6 6%	592
Total market value of assets	;	20,904		20,907		19,740
Actuanal value of liability		(26,171)		(26,748)		(27,700)
						
Net pension liability		(5,267)		(5,841)		(7,960)
				-		

27 <u>Pension commitments</u> (continued)

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit

	2007 £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000			
Service cost	264	267			
Total operating charge	264	267			
Analysis of amounts charged to finance costs					
	<u>2007</u> £'000	2006 £'000			
Expected return on pension scheme assets Interest on pension liabilities	1,294 (1,355)	1,118 (1,295)			
Net cost	(61)	(177)			
Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses					
	<u>2007</u> £'000	<u>2006</u> £'000			
Actual return less expected return on assets Experience gains and losses on liabilities Changes in assumptions	(995) 235 1,336	297 342 1,600			
Actuarial gain recognised in STRGL	576	2,239			

27 <u>Pension commitments</u> (continued)

History of experience gains and losses	Year to December 31 2007	Year to December 31 2006
Difference between expected and actual return on scheme assets Amount	(£995,000)	£297,000
Percentage of scheme assets	(5)%	1%
Expenence gains and losses on scheme liabilities	, ,	
Amount	£235,000	£342,000
Percentage of scheme liabilities	1%	1%
Total amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses		
Amount	£576,000	£2,239,000
Percentage of scheme liabilities	2%	8%

Movement in deficit during the year		
	December 31	December 31
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
	£'000	£'000
Deficit in scheme at beginning of year Movement in year	(5,841)	(7,960)
Current service cost	(264)	(267)
Contributions	323	324
Net return on assets/(interest cost)	(61)	(177)
Actuarial gain	576	2,239
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Deficit in scheme at end of year	(5,267)	(5,841)
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The actuarial valuation at December 31, 2007 showed a decrease in the deficit from £5,841,000 to £5,267,000. Company contributions were £323,000 (equivalent to 17.2% of pensionable pay). The company agreed with the trustees that the contributions would remain at their current levels during 2007 while an actuarial valuation as at April 6, 2006 was carried out.