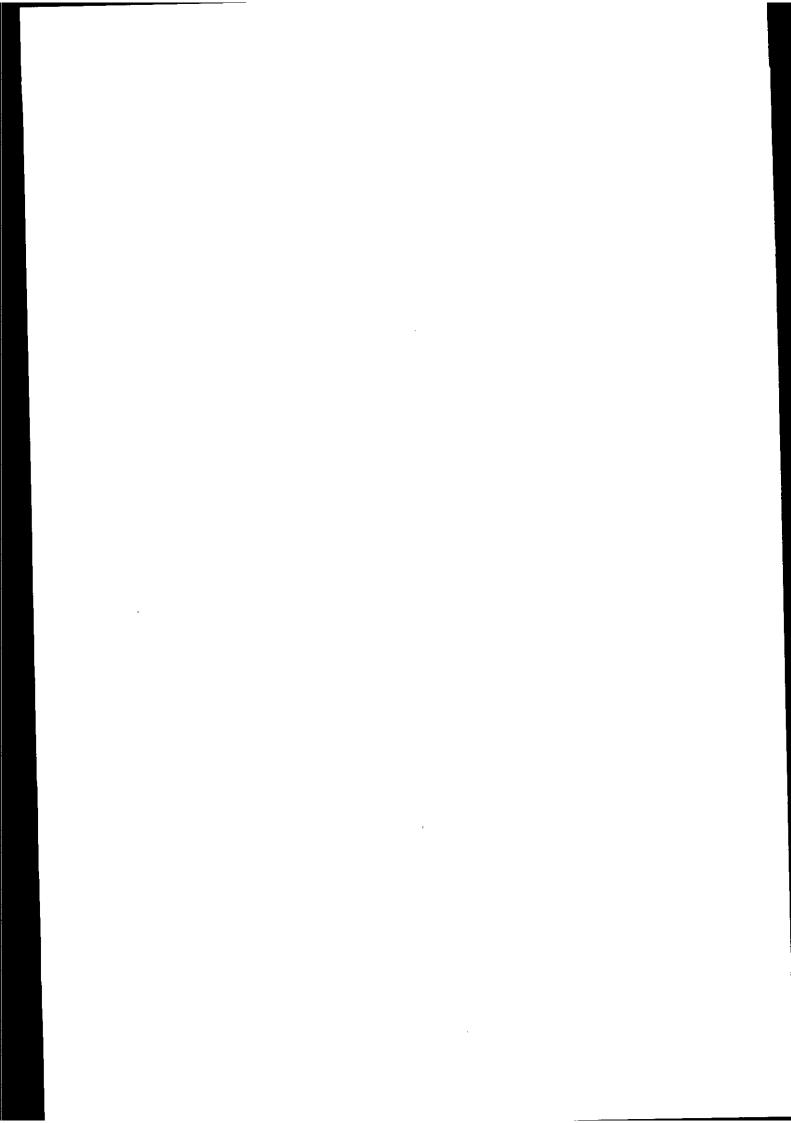
Devar Flooring Limited

Directors' report and financial statements

31 July 1998 Registered number 65181



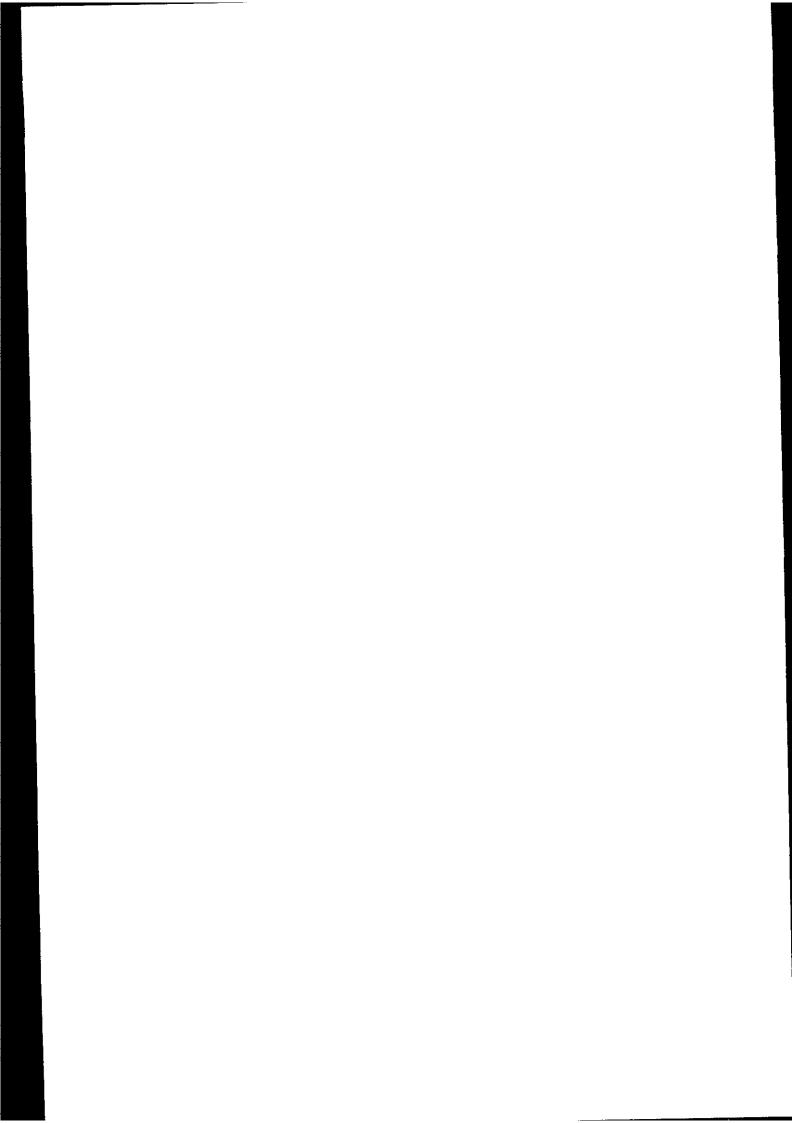




Directors' report and financial statements

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 1998.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is the business of flooring contractors.

Business review

The directors are satisfied with the company's performance in a very competitive market.

Year 2000 issues are being considered, including issues connected with suppliers and customers and steps are being taken to ensure timely compliance. The estimated costs of compliance are not considered material to the company and will be treated as normal revenue expenditure.

Close company

The company is a close company within the meaning of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The profit for the year retained in the company is £107,785 (1997: £8,549).

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

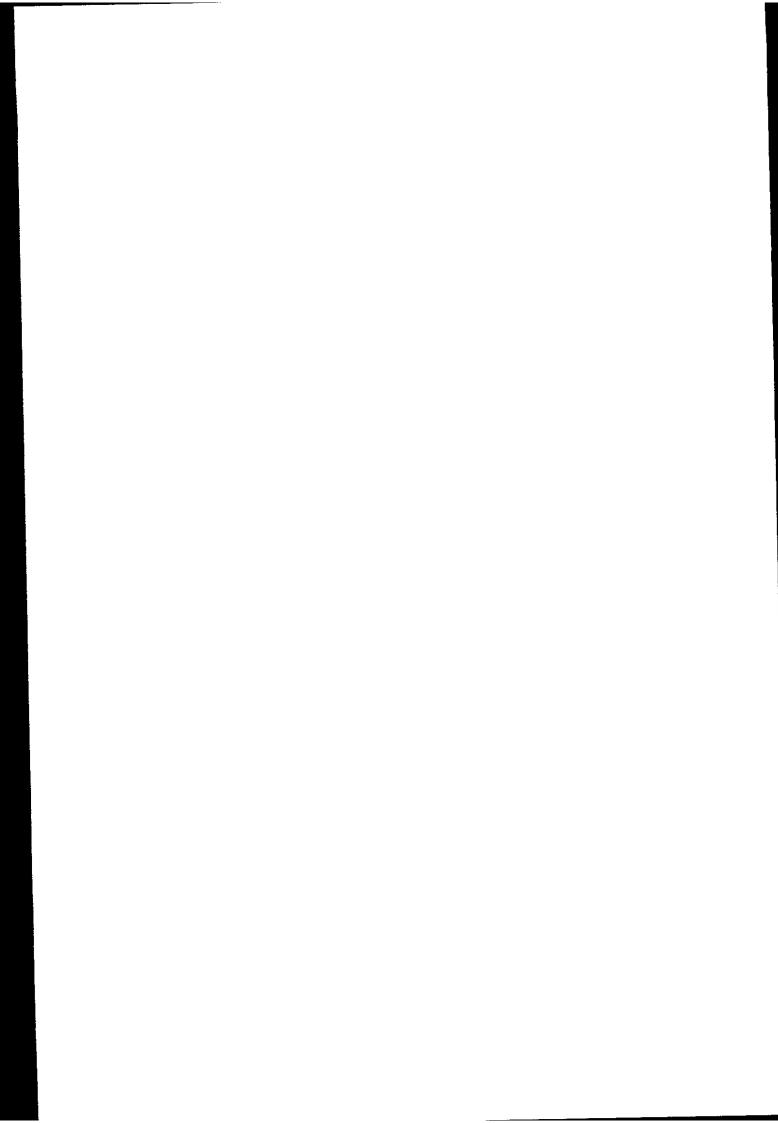
John P Devine
Jane H Devine
Peter H Reilly (resigned 31 August 1998)
J Alan Devine

The directors who held office at the end of the financial year had the following interests in the ordinary shares of the company:

Ordinary shares of £ each Interest at beginning and end of year

John P Devine	1,320
Jane H Devine	1,320
Peter H Reilly (resigned 31 August 1998)	20
J Alan Devine	660
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After the year end, the company purchased 660 of its ordinary £1 shares for an amount of £250,000 (£378.79 per share).



Directors' report (continued)

Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

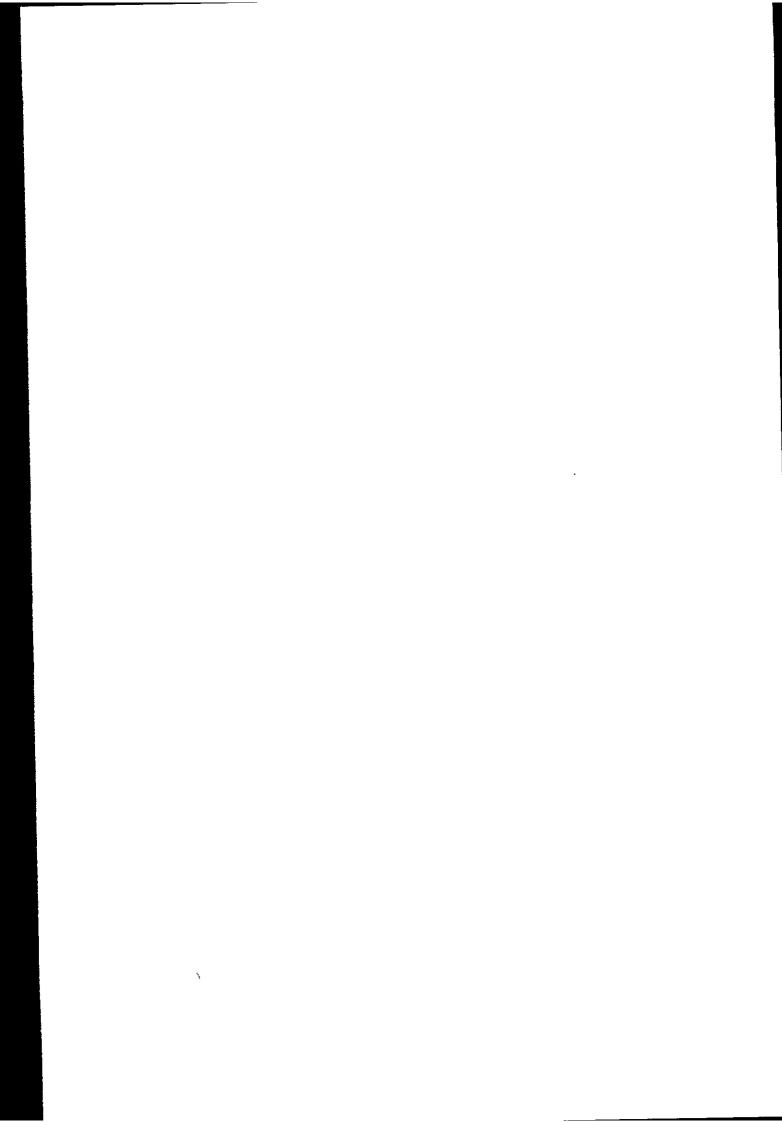
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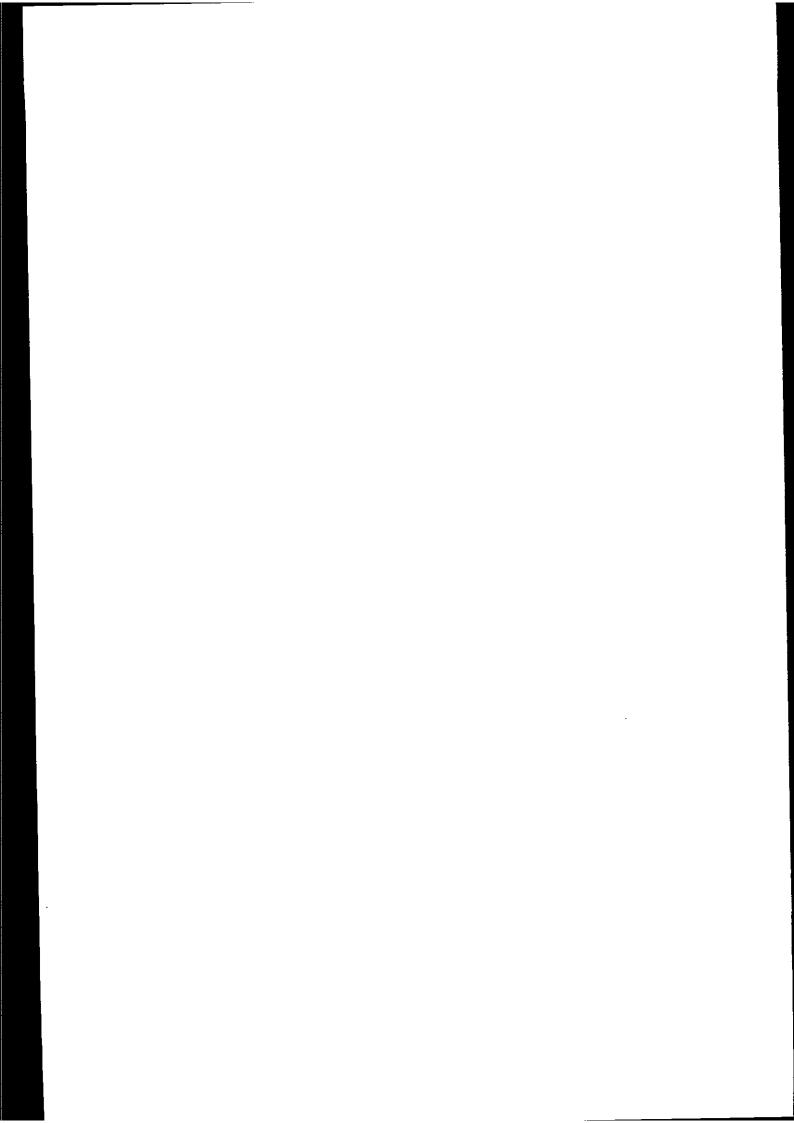


Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.





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Report of the auditors to the members of Devar Flooring Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

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

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

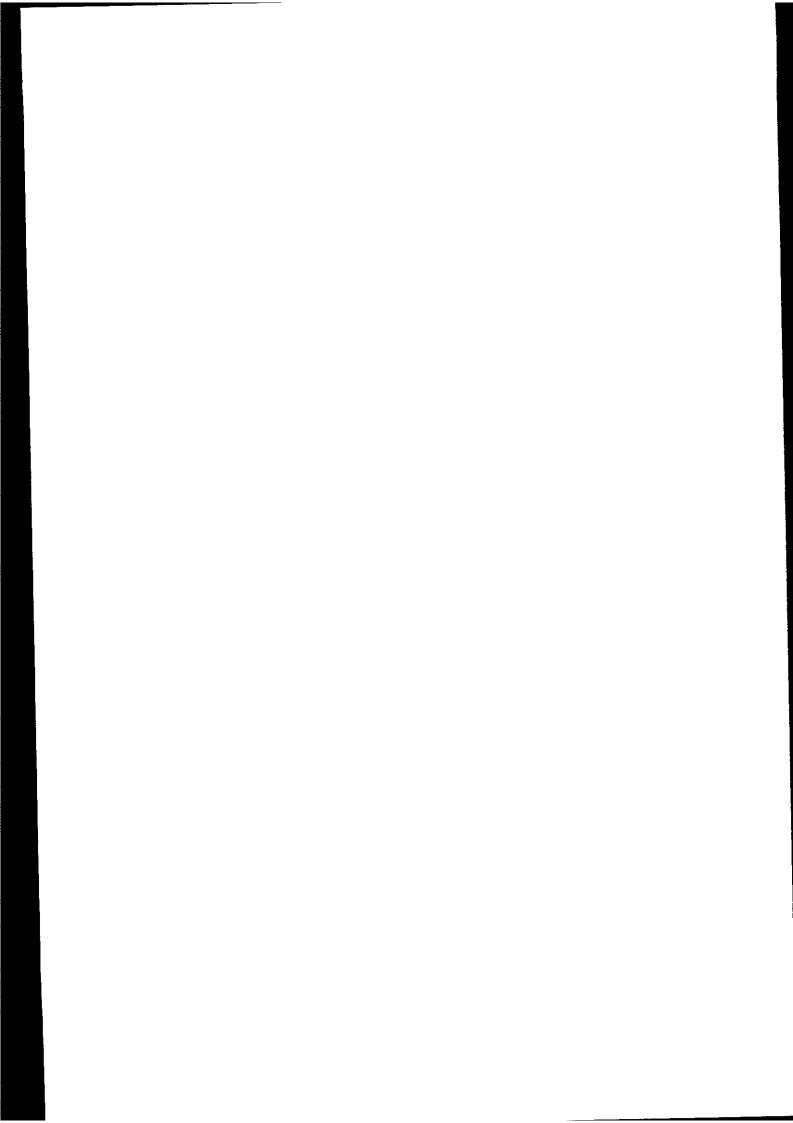
Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 July 1998 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

12 January 1999



Profit and loss account

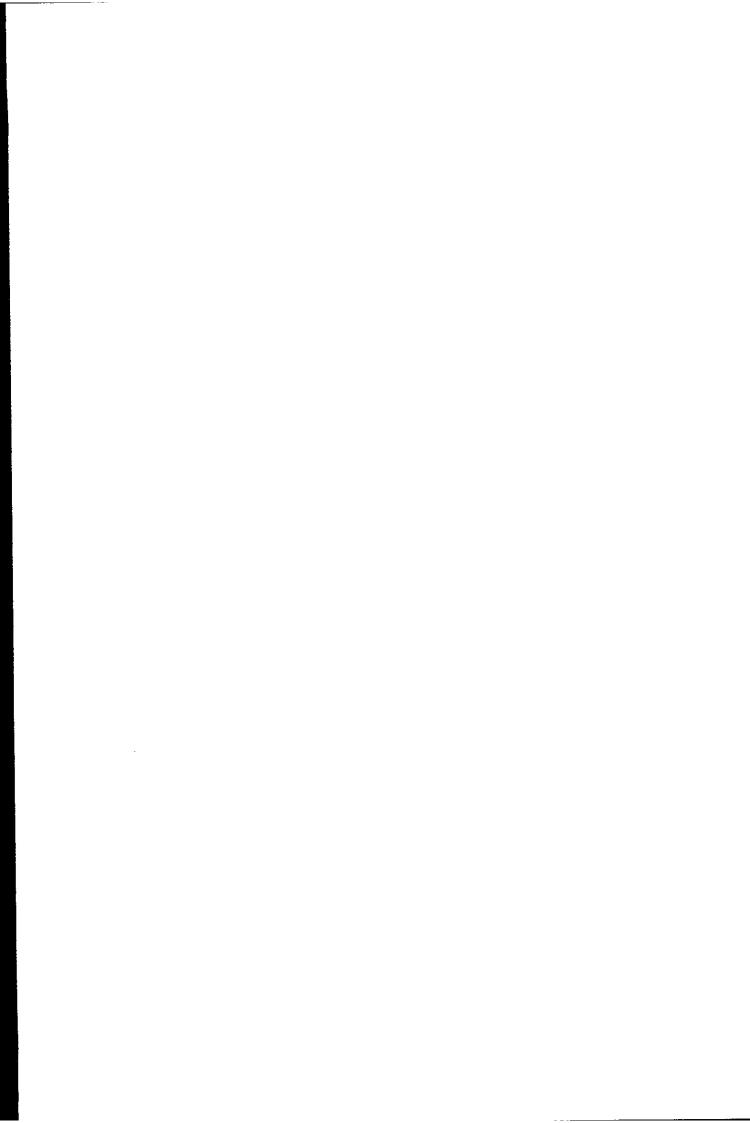
for the year ended 31 July 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Turnover Cost of sales	2	2,604,977 (1,871,563)	2,443,725 (1,779,112)
Gross profit Administrative expenses		733,414 (630,290)	664,613 (686,129)
Operating profit/(loss) Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	103,124 43,217 (5,713)	(21,516) 50,208 (6,897)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2-5 8	140,628 (32,843)	21,795 (13,246)
Profit for the financial year		107,785	8,549 ———

A statement of movements on reserves is given in note 18.

Statement of recognised gains and losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reflected in the profit for the year as stated above.

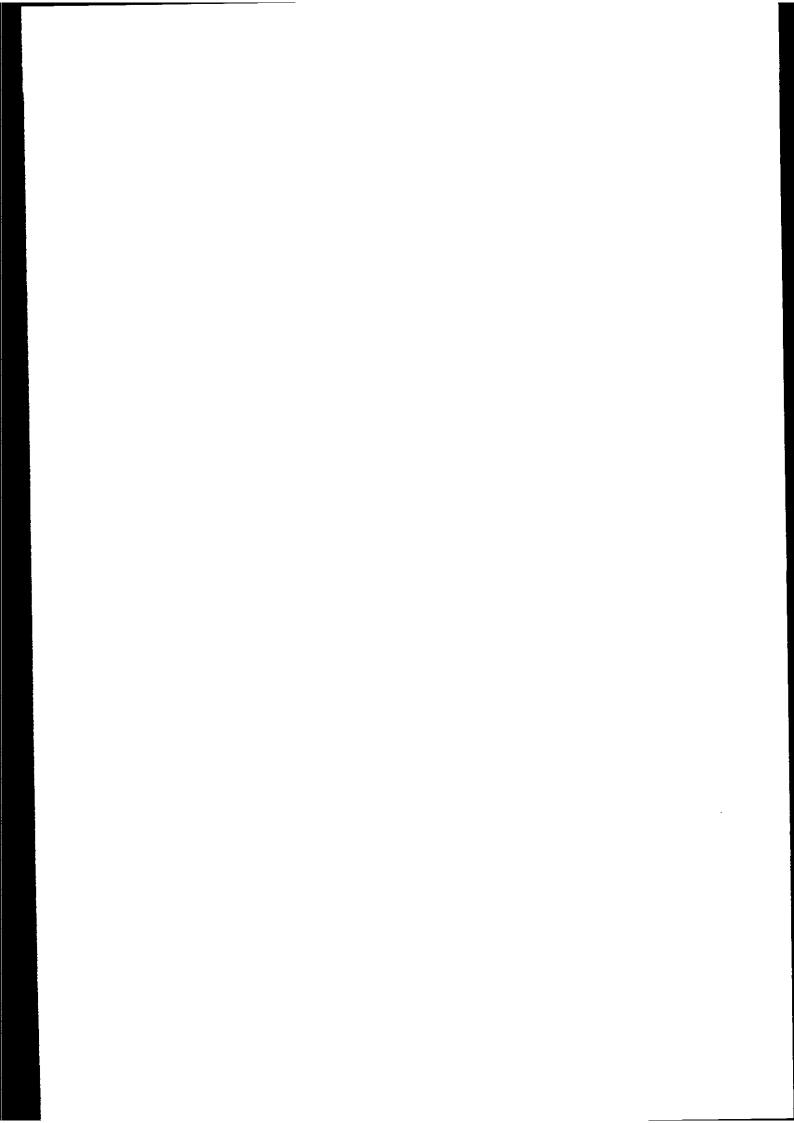


Balance sheet at 31 July 1998

	Note		1998		1997
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	9		410,938		266 941
Investments	10		250,100		366,841 250,100
			661,038		616,941
Current assets			001,000		010,541
Stocks	11	233,672		287,263	
Debtors	12	764,591		451,668	
Investments	13	367,734		443,482	
Cash at bank and in hand		209,111		273,778	
					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one		1,575,108		1,456,191	
year	14	(581,883)		(562,347)	
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Net current assets			993,225		893,844
Total assets less current liabilities			1,654,263		1,510,785
Creditors: amounts falling due after more					
than one year	15		(39,383)		(3,208)
·			(,,		(5,200)
Accruals and deferred income	16		(19,304)		(19,786)
Net assets					·
ret assets			1,595,576		1,487,791
Control					
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	17		2.000		
Profit and loss account	17 18		2,000		2,000
rone and toss account	10		1,593,576		1,485,791
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	18		1,595,576		1,487,791

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on who signed on its behalf by:

JP Devine Director



Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided by the company to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives. Motor vehicles are depreciated using the reducing balance method while leasehold property, plant and machinery and fixtures and fittings are written off in equal instalments. The rates applicable are as follows:

Leasehold property	-	2%
Motor vehicles	•	25%
Plant and machinery	-	20%
Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	-	15%

Government grants

Capital based government grants are credited to trading profit over the estimated economic lives of the assets to which they relate. The grants shown in the balance sheet under the "accruals and deferred income" comprise the total grants received and receivable to date less amounts so far credited to profits.

Leases

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a 'finance lease'. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated over its estimated useful life or the term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

All other leases are accounted for as 'operating leases' and the rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the life of the lease.

Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme providing pensions based upon the level of accumulated contributions. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions paid by the company to the fund and amounted to £30,000 (1997: £12,006). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the balance sheet date.

Accounting policies (continued)

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Work in progress is valued at the lower of cost, comprising direct materials and direct labour, and estimated net realisable value.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

Turnover

Turnover is stated net of value added tax and after adjustments for opening and closing work in progress.

Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the company is exempt from the requirement of preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that it qualifies as a small company.

Analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The turnover and pre-tax profit are wholly attributable to the company's main activity.

The turnover arises entirely in the United Kingdom.

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	1998	1997
	£	£
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		
after charging		
Auditors' remuneration	5,832	4,031
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible and intangible fixed assets:	-,	,,,,,
Owned	64,726	46,932
Directors' emoluments (see note 4)	249,496	295,936
Hire of other assets - operating lease	920	987
after crediting		
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	130	413
Gain on sale of investments	105,359	11,449
Regional Development Grant released	482	482

Remuneration of directors

	1998	1997
	£	£
Directors' emoluments Remuneration as executives	249,496	295,936

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the chairman were £60,846 (1997: £102,029). The emoluments excluding pension contributions of the highest paid director were £86,235.

Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

	Number of employ	
	1998	1997
	1.4	1.2
Office and management	14	13 11
Manufacturing	17	11
	31	24
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	1998	1997
	£	£
	22-212	640 600
Wages and salaries	807,918	658,639
Social security costs	81,982	68,841
Other pension costs	30,000	12,006
	919,900	739,486
Other interest receivable and similar income		
	1998	1997
	£	£
Income from listed investments	25,340	29,431
Other interest receivable	17,877	20,777
One; merest receivable		
	43,217	50,208

Interest payable and similar charges

On bank loans, overdrafts and Finance charges payable in res				1998 £ 998 4,715	1997 £ 1,246 5,651
				5,713	6,897
Taxation					
				1998	1997
UK corporation tax at 21% (19) Tax attributable to franked inv Adjustment relating to an earli	estment income	or the year on ordin	ary activities	£ 28,000 5,068 (225)	£ 5,600 5,886 1,760
		•		32,843	13,246
Tangible fixed assets					
	Long leasehold property	Plant and machinery	Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment	Motor vehicles	Total
Cost	£	£	£	£	£
At beginning of year	276,744	36,799	74,642	205,425	593,610
Additions	1,200	85	7,357	113,751	122,393
Disposals				(38,269)	(38,269)
At end of year	277,944	36,884	81,999	280,907	677,734
Depreciation					
At beginning of year	39,912	34,328	47,845	104,684	226,769
Charge for year	5,559	1,955	6,981	50,231	64,726
On disposals			<u>-</u>	(24,699)	(24,699)
At end of year	45,471	36,283	54,826	130,216	266,796
Net book value					
At 31 July 1998	232,473	601	27,173	150,691	410,938
At 31 July 1997	236,832	2,471	26,797	100,741	366,841
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Included in the net book value of fixed assets is £85,313 (1997: £37,259) in respect of assets held under hire purchases contracts. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £28,438 (1997: £15,351).

Fixed asset investments

	Loans to related companies	Other loans	Shares in related companies	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning and end of year	100,000	149,900	200	250,100
Movement during the year	-	-	-	•
				
At 31 July 1998	100,000	149,900	200	250,100
At 31 July 1997	100,000	149,900	200	250,100

The principal company in which the company's interest is more than 10% is as follows:

Related company	Country of registration or incorporation	Principal activity	Class and percentage of shares held	Aggregate share capital and reserves at 31 July 1998 £	Profit for the year ended 31 July 1998
Devar Industrial Flooring Systems Limited	Scotland	Flooring contractor	Ordinary 22%	64,995	23,260

Stocks

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	1998 £	1997 £
Raw materials and consumable	8,862	7,388
Work in progress	358,869	324,829
Payments on account	(134,059)	(44,954)

	233,672	287,263
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Debtors

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	1998 £	1997 £
Trade debtors Amounts owed by related undertaking	538,853	428,471
Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income	7,217 181,660 36,861	9,716 13,481
	764,591	451,668
Current asset investment		
	1998	1997
Cost	£	£
Other investments	367,734	443,482

Other investments includes listed investments amounting to £367,734 (1997: £443,482). At 31 July 1998, the market value of these investments was £532,281 (1997: £588,686).

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1998			1997	
	£	£	£	£	
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase					
contracts (see note 15)		40,156		11,736	
Trade creditors		189,334		266,744	
Amounts owed to related undertaking		128,981		66,792	
Other creditors including taxation and social security:					
Other creditors	6,900		4,737		
Corporation tax	28,000		18,300		
Other taxes and social security	73,566		20,429		
		108,466		43,466	
Accruals and deferred income		114,946		173,609	
					
		581,883		562,347	

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Notes (continued)

	1998 £	1997 £
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	39,383	3,208
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The maturity of net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contr	acts is as follows:	
	1000	1007
	1998 £	1997 £
Within one year	40,156	11,736
In the second to fifth years	39,383	3,208
	79,539	14,944
Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured or	n certain items of plant and	eauinment.

Accruals and deferred income

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	£	£
Regional Development Grant At beginning of year Released in year	19,786 (482)	20,268 (482)
At end of year	19,304	19,786
Called up share capital		
	1998	1997
Authorised	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	2,000	2,000

After the year end, the company purchased 660 of its ordinary £1 shares for an amount of £250,000 (£378.79 per share).

Shareholders' Funds

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	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Shareholders' Funds £
At beginning of year Retained profit for year	2,000	1,485,791 107,785	1,487,791 107,785

At end of year	2,000	1,593,576	1,595,576
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Commitments

At the end of the financial year the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	1998		1997	
	Land and buildings	Other	Land and buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire:				_
Within one year	-	-	_	
In the second to fifth years inclusive	•	920	-	920
Over five years	1,500	-	1,500	•
				
	1,500	920	1,500	920

Related party transactions

During the year, the company purchased goods with a value of £225,174 and sold goods with a value of £nil to Devar Industrial Flooring Systems Limited, an associated company, under normal trading conditions.

At 31 July 1998, the balance due to Devar Industrial Flooring Systems Limited was £128,981.

