Directors' Report and Accounts

Black & Decker

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Directors:

R H Thomas

(Chairman and Managing Director)

D C Fanthorpe

E T Jones

Secretary:

R D P Green

Registered Office: Westpoint, The Grove, Slough, Berkshire SL1 1Q0

The directors present their report for the year ended 29 September 1985.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 4. No dividends were declared or paid during the year.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activities of the company were the manufacture and sale of power tools and small domestic appliances.

The company's consolidated turnover amounted to £212,206,000, representing an increase of 24% on the previous year. Profits after taxation but before extraordinary items increased 65% to £33,768,000. During the year the Head Office was transferred to Slough and construction commenced on the new National Distribution Centre at Northampton. Net profit on the sale of the Maidenhead site amounted to £8,098,000.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

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The company will continue to develop its turnover and profit growth in all aspects of its business including significant progress in the sale of small domestic appliances.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The company has increased its level of resource committed to the research and development o, its new products.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year and to the date of this report were those set out above.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

DIRECTORS' INTERL518

The directors have no beneficial interests in the shares of the company.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Information relating to changes in tangible fixed assets is given in note 14 on the accounts. The directors are of the opinion that the market value of land and buildings situated in the UK is in excess of net book value.

EMPLOYEE CONSULTATION

The company places the greatest value on its employees and their involvement in all aspects of the company's business. The company has a tinued its established practice of keeping all employees fully informed on matters which affect them including the performance of the company. This is achieved through a variety of regular formal and informal meetings, briefings, newsletters and a company magazine which includes a special edition covering the annual financial results. Employee representatives are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interests. Further involvement is being encouraged through the continuing development of Quality Circles. There is also an approved share purchase scheme under which all employees are able to participate in the shares of The Black & Decker Corporation, the company's ultimate holding company, which is listed on the New York stock exchange.

EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS

The company's policy and practice , to encourage and assist the employment of disabled people and to retain employees who become disabled. The company received a national "Fit For Work" award presented by the Manpower Services Commission in 1984 for the employment of disabled persons.

CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL DONATIONS

The company made contributions for political and charitable purposes during the year amounting to £15,954, including a political contribution of £6,000 to the Conservative Board of Finance.

AUDITORS

Ernst & Whinney have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their reappointment will be submitted at the annual general meeting.

By order of the Board

Secretary

Ernst & Whinney Chartered Accountants

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS

We have examined the accounts of Black & Decker set out on pages 4 to 20. These have been prepare, under the historical cost convention. Our audit has been carried out in accordance with approved auditing standards.

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In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group, so far as concerns members of the company, at 29 September 1985 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the group for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

London 15 J 1986.

BLACK & DECKER CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

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	Nore	1985 £000	1984 £000 170,941
	1/2	212,206 147,941	113,456
TURNOVER Cost of sales		64,265	57,485
and aporty	3	24,449 14,814	23,483 12,909
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses	4	25,002	21,093 5,703
OPERATING PROFIT	8 9	6,333 3,361	
Other incom: Exceptional credit		34,696	26,796 659
	10	404	
Interest payable		34,292	26,137
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION and pary activities	11	524	5,544
Tax on profit on ordinary		33,768	20,593 4,597
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	12		15 996
Extraordinary charge PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	13	33,768	

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CONSOLIDATED BATANCE STORE TO 20 OF THE STORE STORES	.∜ot∙	1985 £0 03	6000 1987
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	14 15	39 , 25?	34,552 3,360
Investments		39,252	37,852
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	16 17	33,903 117,966 2,876	32,177 98,735 2,459
gash at balla dies 211		154,745	133,371
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	18	31,267	37,928
		123,478	95,443
NET CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		162,730	133,295
CREDITORS - amounts falling due after more than one year	19	7,069	7,465
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES Deferred taxation	20	9,914	9,264
		145,747	116,566
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called-up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	21 22	26,600 12,640 106,507	26,600 12,640 77,325
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Approved by the Board on 15 JANUARY 1986

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BALANCE SHEET - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

Balance Sheet — 29 September 1985	Note	1985 £000	1984 £000
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets Investments	14 15	27,290 44,318	21,222
		71,608	59,358
GURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors	16 17	31,409 91,780 2,569	27,526 76,503 1,551
Cash at bank and in hand		125,758	105,580
CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year	18	37,798	29,590
		87,960	75,990
NET CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		159,568	135,348
CREDITORS - amounts falling due af.er more than one year	19	6,638	7,355
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES Deferred taxation	20	9,914	^,264
Deferred taxacton		143,016	118,729
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called-up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	21 22	26,600 12,640 103,776	26,600 12,640 79,489
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STATEMENT OF CONSULDATED SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 29 SEPTEMBER 1983

FOR THE YEAR ENRED 29 SEPTEMBER 1985		
	1985 £000	1984 £000
SOURCE OF FUNDS		
FROM OPERATIONS		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	34,292	26,137
Items not involving the movement of funds: Depreciation of tangible fixed assets less amortisation of regional development grants Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets Profit on and net earnings to date of sale of non-consolidated subsidiary	7,898 (7,896) (203) (5,502)	5,377 (33) - 4,656
sale of non-consolidated substantial state of non-consolidated substan	28,589	36,137
OTHER SOURCES Dividend and proceeds received from sale of non-consolidated subsidiary Proceeds from share issue	3,503	- 15,800
Proceeds from sale of tangible fixed assets	10,284	243 52,180
Total sources of funds	42,376	52,100
FUNDS APPLIED	(915)	10,221
Goodwill written-off on acquisition of subsidiary Acquisition cost of non-consolidated subsidiary Taxation payments/(receipts)	429	3,300 (57)
Purchase of tangible liked doors regional development grants received and	14,986	24,391
re-allocations	14,500	$\frac{37,855}{14,325}$
INCREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL	27,876	
Arising from movements in: Stocks Debtors	1,726 19,231 - 6,071	8,144 49,857 (27,606) (10,509)
Investments Trade and other creditors and accruals Liquid funds	848	(5,561)
	27,876	14,325

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention. In accordance with the exemption allowed by Section 228 (7) of the Companies Act 1985 the company has not presented its own profit and loss account.

BASIS OF CONSOLIDATION

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of the company and of each of its subsidiaries for the year ended 29 September 1985 except for the accounts of Black & Decker (Leasing) Limited which are incorporated using the equity method of accounting, a policy adopted by the ultimate holding compant. This subsidiary was sold on 27 June 1985 and, therefore, results are included in this year's consolidated profit and loss account, up to the date of sale.

Goodwill arising on consolidation (representing the excess of the purchase consideration for subsidiary companies over the fair value ascribed to their net tangible assets when acquired) is written-off against distributable reserves on acquisition.

DEPRECIATION OF TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

No depreciation is provided in respect of freehold land. Depreciation of buildings, machinery, tooling and other equipment is calculated to write off the cost evenly over the est mated economic life of the assets at the following annual rates:

10220	2 - 7 %
Freehold buildings	15% - 20%
Machinery and equipment	10% - 20%
Furniture and fixtures	20% - 25%
Transportation equipment	33 1/3%
Tooling	

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Regional development grants are deducted from the cost of related tangible fixed assets and are amortised over the estimated economic life of the relevant assets.

DEFERRED TAXATION

Deferred taxation, which arises primarily on timing differences between capital allowances and depreciation and on other short term timing differences, is provided for in full at the rate of corporation tax applicable to the period in which the provisions are expected to crystallise (liability method), because the directors have concluded, on reasonable evidence, that there is likely to be a net reversal of these timing differences in the foreseeable future.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Costs associated with the development of new products and changes to existing products are charged to profit and loss as incurred.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES - 30 SEPTEMBER 1985

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

On consolidation, assets and liabilities of the overseas subsidiary and branches are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the year end. Profit and loss accounts are translated at average rates of exchange.

Exchange differences resulting from the retranslation at closing rates of exchange of net investments at the beginning of the year (or later acquisition) in the overseas subsidiary and branches together with differences between profit and loss accounts translated at average and year end rates of exchange, are dealt with in reserves.

All other exchange gains and losses on settlement or translation of monetary assets and liabilities at rates of exchange ruling at the year end or specified in related forward contracts are reported as part of the profit for the year. Premiums on forward currency contracts which hedge currency advances to group companies are amortised over their repayment terms.

STUCKS

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost (on a first in first cut basis) and net realizable value after making due allowance for any obsolete or slow moving items. in the case of finished products and products in process, cost comprises direct materials, direct labour, and manufacturing fixed and variable overheads. The allocation of manufacturing fixed overheads is based on normal levels of activity.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

1 Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoice value of sales to third parties and group companies exclusive of discounts and value added tax.

	companies exclusive of discounts and various decembers.		
2	ANALYSIS OF TURNOVER BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA	1985 £000	1984 £000
, ;	United Kingdom Europe Africa/Middle East Australasia & Far East Americas	110,399 41,829 3,259 4,555 52,164	102,309 41,461 4,240 2,204 20,727
ı		212,206	170,941
3 !	SELLING AND DISTRIBUTION COSTS	1985 £000	1984 £000
:	Selling and warranty costs Distribution costs	18,948 5,501	18,545 4,938
4	OPERATING PROFIT is stated after charging:	1985 £000	1984 £000
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets before amortisation of regional development grants amounting to £511,000 (1984 - £356,000) Auditors' remuneration Directors' emoluments Hire of plant and machinery under operating leases Other operating lease charges	9,308 120 212 567 1,425	5,733 138 127 762 722
C ~	STAFF COSTS Employee costs during the year amounted to:	1985 £000	1984 2000
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	27,980 3,180 633 31,793	25,019 1,772 1,530 28,321

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEFTEMBER 1985

STAFF COSTS (continued) 5

The average number of persons employed by the group in each week in the year was 3,597 (1984 - 2,783) and is broken down into the following

	categories:	1985 Number	1984 Number
	Manufacturing Selling and distribution Administration	2,740 572 285	2,069 464 250
	Administration	3,597	2,783
6	EMOLUMENTS OF DIRECTORS	1985 £000	1984 £000
	Fees Other emoluments (including pension contributions) Compensation for loss of office	212 - 212	14 103 10 127
:	The emoluments of directors shown above (excluding pension contributions) include:	1985	1984
· !	Chairman and highest paid director	£93,952	£52,536
Makkad	Other directors in the following ranges: Not more than £5,000 £5,001 to £10,000 £10,001 to £15,000 £25,001 to £30,000 £50,001 to £55,000	Number of 2	directors 3 2 1 -
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EMOLUMENTS OF HIGHER PAID EMPLOYEES . 7

The number of employees of the company in the United Kingdom who received remuneration in excess of £30,000 was as follows:

of £30,000 was as follows:	1985 Number of	1984 employees
£30,001 to £35,000 £35,001 to £40,000 £50,001 to £55,000	14 1 1	1 1 -

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

8 (OTHER INCOME		
		*935 *600	1984 £000
		· W/0	2000
	- coinc(losses)	261	(529)
	Foreign currency gains(losses) Interest receivable on bank deposits	,/1.	3,058
	Interest receivable from fellow subsidiaries	3,7et	1,846
	Insurance claim	35	275
	Profit on and net earnings to date of sale of		
	non-consolidated subsidiary	203 305	1,053
	Other	3.4	1,055
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		6,333	5,703
9	EXCEPTIONAL CREDIT		
		1985	1984
		£000	£000
	a sectional Property	8,098	
	Net profit on sa'c of Ma_denhead Property	- ,	
	Manufacturing and other reorganisation and	(4,737)	
	redundancy costs	(4,737)	
		3,361	-
10	INTEREST PAYABLE		
		1985	1984
		£000	£000
	On amounts repayable within 5 years:		
		404	375
	Bank and other short term interest	-	280
	Interest payable to fellow subsidiaries	,	
	the toward files woors	404	655
	On amounts repayable beyond five years		4
	Bank interest	-	
		404	659
		404	0.75

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

11	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	1985 £000	1384 £009
	The tax charge based on the profit for the year comprises:		
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 42.5% (1984 - 47.5%) Double taxation relief	181 (137)	92 (83)
		44	9
	Transfer to deferred taxation	343	5,452
1	2000	387	5,461
	Overseas taxation	137	83
	0,0	524	5,544

The tax charge based on the profit for the year is substantially lower than the effective rate of tax. This is due mainly to losses, at the effective rate of tax, of £7,338,000 (1984 - £6,417,000) surrendered by a fellow group company for nil consideration.

12	EXTRAORDINARY CHARGE	1985 £000	1984 £000
	Re-instatement of provision for deferred taxation on accelerated capital allowances due to phased withdrawal of first year capital allowances	_	4,597

13 PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

£24,390,000 (1984 - £12,708,000) of the profit for the financial year is dealt with in the accounts of the holding company.

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

14 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

TANGIBLE FIRED REDUCTS					
	Freehold land and buildings £000	Plant, equipment and tooling £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Motor vehicles £000	Total £000
Group					107
Cost	11,324	36,250	2,146	407	50,127
At 30 September 1984	(302)	(1,963)	-		(2,265)
Exchange adjustments	4,542	11,386	1,988		17,916
Additions		(614)			(639)
Grants received in year	(3,063)	(3,529)	(81)	(106)	(6,779) (571)
Disposals	201	(772)	-	-	(3/1)
Re-allocations	201				
	10 677	40,758	4,053	301	57,789
At 29 September 1985	12,677				<u></u>
Depreciation			333	179	15,575
At 30 September 1984	2,551	12,512	222		(388)
Exchange adjustments	29	(417)	515	75	8,798
Charge for year	727	7,481			(511)
Amortisation of grants	(26)		(58)	(70)	(4,391)
Relating to disposals	(1,114)	(3,149)	(30)	_	(546)
Re-allocations	3	(549)	-		
Ke arroan				184	18,537
At 29 September 1985	2,170	15,393	790	104	
At 29 September -					
Net book amounts at		05 065	3,263	117	39,252
29 September 1985	10,507	25,365	3,203		
	<u> </u>				
Net book amounts at		00 720	1,813	228	34,552
30 September 1984	8,773	23,738	1,010		
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At 29 September 1985 there were group and company commitments for future capital expenditure amounting to £6,330,000 (1984 - £7,386,000).

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14		ntinued) Freehold land and buildings £000	Ploat. equipment and tooling £000	Fixtures and fittings £000	Motor vehicles £000	Total £000
	Company Cost At 30 September 1984 Exchange adjustments Additions Grants received in year Disposals Re-allocations At 29 September 1985	7,355 244 4,414 (25) (3,054) 201 9,:35	26,077 (302) 8,547 (614) (2,941) (772) 	2,146 1,988 (81) - 4,053	407 - - (106) - 301	35,985 (58) 14,949 (639) (6,182) (571) 43,484
	Depreciation At 30 September 1984 Exchange adjustments Charge for year Amortisation of grants Relating to disposals Re-allocations	2,408 93 381 (26) (1,108) 3		333 515 (58) 790		14,763 (27 6,456 (511 (3,941 (546
	At 29 September 1985 Net book amounts at 29 September 1985	7,384	16,526	3,263	3 117	27,29
1	Net book amounts at 30 September 1984	4,947	14,234	1,81	3 228	21,22

At 29 September 1985 there was company commitments for future capital expenditure amounted to £5,819,000 (1984 - 7,160,000).

. 15	FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Group		Compa	ny 1984
. 1.		1985 £000	1984 £000	1985 £000	£000
	Subsidiaries Cost of shares At 30 September 1984	3,300	 3,300	38,136 10,000	1 38,135
	Additions (a)/(c) Adjustment to original purchase price (b)	(3,300)		(518) (3,300)	el pun pun pun pun pun pun pun pun pun pun pun
	Disposals At 29 September 1985		3,300	44,318	136
	No as				

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS ~ 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

- (a) During the yea, Black & Decker Industrial Property, a wholly-owned subsidiary, was capitalised at £10 million.
- (b) This adjustment relates to a reduction in the purchase price paid in 1984 for Black & Decker Housewares Pte. Limited.
- (c) The cost of shares in subsidiaries, included in the 1984 consolidated accounts, relates to the acquisition, on 28 September 1984, of the entire called- up share capital of Black & Decker (Leasing) Limited from another group company at net book value as disclosed in the subsidiary's accounts for the year ended 30 September 1984. The directors have decided to include this subsidiary in the group accounts using the equity method of accounting, the accounting policy adopted for this subsidiary by the ultimate holding company, June 1985.

	accounting, the account ultimate holding company June 1985.	Country of incorporation		roportion of ordinary shares held
(g)	Principal	- rogistration		*49.99%
	Subsidiaries	Singapore	Manufacturer of small domestic	,,,,
	Black & Decker		olectrical	
- ,	Housewares Pte.Ltd		appliances	100%
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Band International	England	Import and distribution of consumer products	.
~	Ltd		Sale of Indust:ia	1
-	Black & Decker Industrial Property	England	know-how and technology right	100%
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This company is treated for accounts purposes as wholly-owned as Black & Decker has an option, exercisable at any time or or before 31 December 1989, to acquire the remaining issued shares from the General Electric Company and under a management agreement Black & Decker has been assigned all rights attached and accruing to those snares while owned by the

all rights attached and General Electric Company.			Соп	npany
STOCKS	Gro 1985	£000 1984	1985 £000	1984 £000
Raw materials Work in progress Finished goods	£000 7,770 1,647 24,485 33,903	6,701 2,220 23,256 32,177	5,973 1,330 24,106 31,409 ae group ex	3,199 1,347 22,880 27,526 ceeds their

The estimated replacement cost of stocks for the group exceeds their historical balance sheet value by £491,000 (1684 - £2,076,000).

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

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Accruals and deferred

noers	ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMB	ER 1985			
				Comp	anv
	- P.G. Omer m	Gro	ıp	1985	1984
17 I	DEBTORS	1985	1984		000£
		£000	£000	£000	2000
·	Amounts falling due				
	Amounts larring				
	within one year		- 4 5	14 046	17,609
		15,296	18,067	14,946	408
•	Trade debtors	_	-	140	400
	Amounts owed by subsidiaries				
	Amounts owed by other group	04 250	70,595	71,421	49,552
	companies	96,358	2,265	5,055	1,178
•	Other debtors	6,020	2,203	-,	
	Prepayments and accrued		100	229	350
	income	292	402	447	
	TifCome			91,780	69,097
		117,966	91,329	9.2,700	•
1	after more than one year Amounts owed by group companies	_	7,406		7,406
		117,966	98,735	91,780	70,505
18	CREDITORS - amounts falling	due within	one year:	Co	apany
		(Group		1984
		1985	1984	1985	£000
*		200G	£000	£000	2000
			600	10,479	394
	Bank loans and overdrafts	503	629	10,942	9,617
	Bank loans and overdent	11,642	11,577	10,942	3, 444
	Trade creditors				3,905
	Amounts owed to subsidiarie	_	3,905	-	5,700
	(non-consolidated)				4 000
	Amounts owed to other	4,147	7,502	3,637	4,899
	cwoun companies		1,021	322	1,021
	Taxation on profits - UK	322	209	353	209
	- Overs	seas 353	209	- -	
	Other tayation and social security	1,262	2,097	1,026	1,793

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

19 CREDITORS amounts falling due after more than one year

CREDITORS amounts falling due a			Con	ipany
	Gre 1985 £000	1984 £300	1985 £000	1984 £000
Bac' loans repayable by instalments:			_	_
within five years	413	669 67	-	
	18	_	-	626
- Repayable beyond the Amounts owed to subsidiaries Amounts owed to other group	r 070	5,872	5,872	5,872 857
companies	5,872 766	857	766	637
Other creditors		7,465	6,638	7,355
	7,069			
		1 63-00 376	ars are at	an interes

Bank loans with repayment instalments beyond five years are at an interest rate of 11.25%.

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20	DEFERRED TAXATION	Group and 1 1985 £000	Company 1984 £000
	Deferred taxation comprises: Accelerated capital allowances Short-term timing differences	6,806 3,108 9,914	6,537 2,727 9,264
E.	The movement on deferred taxation comprises:	Group and 1985 £000	Company 1984 £000
	At 30 September 1984 Charged to profit and loss - Taxation - Extraordinary charge Transfers (to)/from taxation payable	9,264 343 307 9,914	(234) 5,452 4,597 (551) 9,264
	At 29 September 1985	(1984 - 35%)	er ept

Deferred taxation has been calculated at 35% (1984 - 35%) erept on certain short term timing differences where settlement is expected to be at effective tax rates of 37.5%.

NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

۷1	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL			1985 £000	1984 £000
	Authorised: 50,000,000 Ordinary shares of	£1 each		50,000	50,000
•	Allotted, called up and fully 1 26,600,147 Ordinary shares of	paid £1 each		26,600	26,600
22	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	Gr 1985 £000	oup 1984 £000	C9 1985 £000	ompany 1984 £000
	Balance 30 September 1984 Retained profit for the year Foreign currency translation	77,32f 33,768 (5,502)	66,895 15,996 4,656	79,489 24,390 (103)	67,008 12,708 (227)
	Adjustment to goodwill written-off in 1984 on acquisition of Black & Decker Housewares Pte. Limited due to a reduction				
*2	in the purchase consideration	915	(10,221)		
. # , -54- 		106,507	77,326	103,776	79,489
ì	Balance 29 September 1985			branches.	amounting to

Retained earnings in the ever was subsidiary and branches, amounting to £2,127,000 (1984 - £3,231,000) are subject to restrictions on remotions out of the countries in which they were threed. No provision is more for taxation that would be payable in the ever of a distribution being made out of profits retained in the overseas submidlary and branches.

20 PENSION OBLIGATIONS

The company's policy is to fund pension costs as they accruz. As of the latest valuation date, 6 April 1985, the actuaries' report stated that the market value of the pension scheme assets exceeded the actuarially computed vested benefits by some £15,592,000. The company reduced from 1 October 1984, its rate of contribution to the fund from 12.5% to 5.3% of pensionable earnings, and from November 1985, for the period of one year, there will be a contribution "holiday" for both employer and employee.

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NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS - 29 SEPTEMBER 1985

24	CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	1985 £000	1984 £000
r I	At 29 September 1985 the company had contingent		
ı	liabilities in respect of:	-	30 11
	Bills discounted Pending litigation and contested tax assessments		
1	Pending litigation and over	•-	41
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25 OPERATING LEASES

Operating leases amounting to £2,089,000 are committed to be made during the next year and are analysed as follows:-

the next year and are analysed as follows:			
the next year and	Land and huildings £000	Other £000	Total £000
	2	314	316
1986	13	367	380
1987-91	1,319	74	1,393
Beyond	1,334	755	2,089

26 HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is The Black & Decker Corporation, a company which is incorparted in the United States of America.