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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2001

FOR HAMILTON CABLES LIMITED

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS For the year ended 31st December 2001

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2001.

1. Principal activity

The group has been principally engaged as a distributor of electrical cables.

2. Results and dividends

The results for the year and financial position of the company and group are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

3. Dividends

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31st December 2001.

4. Directors

The directors during the year under review were:-

Mr PAH Stewart Mr A Bragagni Mr JS Light Mr JLH Stewart

The beneficial interests of the directors holding office on 31st December 2001 in the issued share capital of the company were as follows:-

Ordinary £1 shares	31.12.01	1.1.01	
Mr PAH Stewart	_	_	
Mr A Bragagni	2	2	
Mr JS Light	24	24	
Mr JLH Stewart	24	24	

The remaining 50 shares are held by Alma Sapa, the company's parent company which is registered in Italy, and of which Mr A Bragagni is the ultimate controlling shareholder.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS - CONTINUED For the year ended 31st December 2001

5. 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 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
- 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the group and to 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 hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

6. Auditors

The auditors, Hewitt Card, will be proposed for re-appointment as auditors in accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD				
Mr JS Light Secretary		•••		
Date	willow			

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF HAMILTON CABLES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Hamilton Cables Limited for the year ended 31st December 2001 on pages four to eighteen. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page two the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

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 Report of the Directors is not consistent with the financial statements, if 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 director's remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the Report of the Directors and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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 affairs of the company and the group at 31st December 2001 and of its losses for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Hewitt Card Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors 72 Nottingham Road Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG18 1BN Mewast Card

Dated: 12/6/02

ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31st December 2001

a) Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

b) Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the results of Hamilton Cables Limited and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31st December 2001. No profit and loss account for the company has been presented for Hamilton Cables Limited as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

c) Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods, excluding value added tax.

d) Goodwill

Purchased goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings is set off directly against reserves in the year of acquisition.

e) Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life or, if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

Freehold buildings 2% on cost

Plant and machinery 20% reducing balance

Motor vehicles 25% reducing balance

Fixtures and fittings 10% reducing balance

Surpluses and deficits arising from the professional valuations of properties are taken direct to the revaluation reserve. Where a diminution in the value of the asset is identified, the deficit is eliminated first against any revaluation reserve in respect of that asset with any excess being charged to the profit and loss account. Surpluses or deficits realised on the disposal of an asset are transferred from the revaluation reserve to the profit and loss amount reserve.

f) Hire purchase and Leasing Commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contacts or finance leases are capitalised in the balance sheet. Those held under hire purchase contracts are depreciated over their estimated useful lives. Those held under finance leases are depreciated over their estimated useful lives or the lease term, whichever is the shorter.

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the profit and loss over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account as incurred.

g) Stocks

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

h) Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the profit and loss account.

i) Deferred taxation

Provision is made at current rates for taxation deferred in respect of all material timing differences except to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is reasonable probability that the liability will not arise in the foreseeable future.

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31st December 2001

	Notes	2001	2000
		£	£
TURNOVER	1	4,372,954	5,013,650
Cost of sales		3,265,720	3,741,104
GROSS PROFIT		1,107,234	1,272,546
Administration expenses		1,060,613	1,174,294
		46,621	98,252
Other operating income		50,296	54,284
OPERATING PROFIT	3	96,917	152,536
Interest receivable		20	45
		96,937	152,581
Interest payable and similar charges	4	116,257	147,231
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		(19,320)	5,350
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5		308
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		(19,320)	5,042
Minority interest		-	3,780
(LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ATTRIBUTABLE			
TO MEMBERS OF THE HOLDING COMPANY	19	£(19,320)	£8,822

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the group activities were acquired or discontinued during the current and previous years.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the current year and the profit for the previous year.

NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

The difference between the results are disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material.

The accounting policies and notes on pages 4 and 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET As at 31st December 2001

	Notes	2001		2000)
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS:					
Tangible assets	7		960,555		1,020,349
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stock	9	1,307,732		1,186,242	
Debtors	10	1,089,171		1,455,820	
Cash at bank and in hand		143,557		17,880	
	_	2,540,460		2,659,942	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due				, ,	
Within one year	11	3,176,947		3,318,316	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:	_		(636,487)		(658,374)
			324,068		361,975
CREDITORS: amounts falling due			•		•
After more than one year	12		(251,970)		(270,557)
·			72,098		91,418
Minority interest			_		3,780
,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			£72,098		£95,198
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	1 <i>7</i>		100		100
Revaluation reserve	18		133,230		135,330
Profit and loss account	19		(61,232)		(40,232)
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS:	20		£72,098		£95,198

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr JLH Stewart - Director

Approved by the Board on:

The accounting policies and notes on pages 4 and 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31st December 2001

	Notes	2001		2000	
FIXED ASSETS:		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets Investments	7 8		883,988 251_		923,867 251
			884,239		924,118
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Stock	9	1,040,143		900,736	
Debtors	10	1,242,920		1,545 <i>,</i> 092	
Cash at bank and in hand		125,132		<u>6,</u> 978	
		2,408,195		2,452,806	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due	11	2 707 460		2 01 4 7 4 7	
within one year NET CURRENT LIABILITIES:	11	2,797,469	(200.274)	2,814,747	(261.041)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			(389,274)		(361,941)
LIABILITIES:			494,965		562,177
CREDITORS: amounts falling due					
after more than one year	12		251,157		268,377
			£243,808		£293,800
CAPITAL AND RESERVES:					
Called up share capital	17		100		100
Revaluation reserve	18		133,230		135,330
Profit and loss account	19		110,478		158,370
SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS:	20		£243,808		£293,800

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Mr J L H Stewart - Director

Approved by the Board on:

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT For the year ended 31st December 2001

	Notes	20	01	200	00
		£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow					
from operating activities	24		440,559		297,440
Returns on investments and					
Servicing of finance	25		(116,237)		(147,186)
Taxation			-		(308)
Capital expenditure					
and financial investment	26		(16,416)		(59,367)
Financing	27		(17,138)		44,929_
Increase in cash in the period			290,768		135,508
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT	28				
	-				
Increase in cash in the period Cash inflow from decrease in		290,768		135,508	
debt and lease financing		12,621		44,715	
Change in net debt resulting					
from cash flows			303,389		180,223
Movement in net debt in the period			303,389		180,223
Net debt at 1st January 2001			(740,171)		(920,394)
Net debt at 31st December 2001			£(436,782)		£(740,171)

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31st December 2001

1. TURNOVER

Turnover represents the amount derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the groups ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax.

2. STAFF COSTS

	2001	2000
	£	£
Wages and salaries	521,215	608,132
Social security	53 <i>,</i> 911	52,908
Pension costs	31,426	
	606,552	690,598

3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	67,070	52,450
Depreciation - assets on hire purchase	8,286	24,231
Loss on disposal of assets	854	15,276
Auditors remuneration	13,815	12,928
Directors emoluments	117,914	114,815

4. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2001	2000
	£	£
Invoice discounting interest	45,591	64,528
Bank interest	23,773	23,484
Hire purchase interest	3,123	<i>7</i> ,1 <i>7</i> 6
Interest on parent company debt	43,770	52,043
	116,257	147,231

The average number of employees during the year was 37, (2000:36).

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

5. TAX ON (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

The taxation charge is based on the profit for the year and is made up as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
UK corporation tax	-	308
Adjustment in respect of previous years		
	-	£308

UK corporation tax has been charged at 20%, (2001:20%). The tax charges are stated after adjustment for marginal and group relief.

6. (LOSS)/PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE HOLDING COMPANY

The loss dealt with in the accounts of the parent company amounted to £49,992 (2000: profit £10,527).

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - GROUP

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1 st January 2001	804,493	240,253	18 <i>7,</i> 956	148 <i>,</i> 732	1,381,434
Additions	_	12,683	1,895	38,986	53 ,564
Disposals	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>		(61,281)	(61,281)
At 31st December 2001	804,493	252,936	189,851	126,437	1,373,717
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 st January 2001	67,538	153,120	89,130	51,297	361,085
Provided in the year	11,933	25,90 <i>7</i>	10,366	27,150	<i>7</i> 5,356
Disposals		<u>-</u>		(23,279)	(23,279)
At 31st December 2001	79,471	179,027	99,496	55,168	413,162
NET BOOK AMOUNT					
At 31st December 2001	725,022	73,909	90,355	71,269	960,555
At 31st December 2000	736,955	87,133	98,826	97,435	1,020,349

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

Note 7. Continued

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	Motor Vehicles £
COST	
At 1 st January 2001	123,703
Additions	27,546
Transferred to ownership	(115,581)
At 31st December 2001	35,668
DEPRECIATION	-
At 1st January 2001	45,003
Provided in year	8,286
Transferred to ownership	(43,989)
At 31st December 2001	9,300
NET BOOK AMOUNT	
At 31st December 2001	26,368
At 31 st December 2000	78,700

Tangible fixed assets - company

	Freehold Land & Buildings	Plant & Machinery	Fixtures & Fittings	Motor Vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
COST OR VALUATION					
At 1st January 2001	804,493	166,893	158,654	63,094	1,193,134
Additions	-	12,170	1,895	29,535	43,600
Disposals		<u>-</u>		(48,381)	(48,381)
At 31 st December 2001	804,493	179,063	160,549	44,248	1,188,353
DEPRECIATION					
At 1st January 2001	67,538	108,091	73,033	20,605	269,267
Provided in the year	11,933	20,216	8,610	13,163	53,922
Disposals	-	-	-	(18,824)	(18,824)
At 31st December 2001	79,471	128,307	81,643	14,944	304,365
NET BOOK AMOUNT		<u></u>			
At 31 st December 2001	725,022	50,756_	<u>78,906</u>	29,304	883,988
At 31st December 2000	736,955	58,802	85,621	42,489	923,867

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

Note 7. Continued

Cost or valuation at 31st December 2001 is represented by :

If freehold land and buildings had not been revalued it would have been included at the following historical cost:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Cost	661,402	661,402
	-	
Value of land in freehold land and buildings	197,612	<u> 197,612</u>

Freehold land and buildings were valued on open market basis on 6th October 1993 by Bothams Chartered Surveyors.

The company has taken advantage of the transitional provisions of FRS 15 and is carrying the book value of its freehold land and buildings as per the last valuation as stated above.

Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as follows:

	Motor Vehicles £
COST	
At 1st January 2001	38,065
Additions	18,095
Disposals	(38,065)
At 31st December 2001	18,095
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st January 2001	14,311
Provided in year	4,14 <i>7</i>
Disposals	(14,311)
At 31 st December 2001	4,147
NET BOOK AMOUNT	
At 31st December 2001	13,948_
At 31 st December 2000	23,754

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

8. INVESTMENTS

	2001		2000		Country of	
Name of Company	Cost	Holding	Cost	Holding	Registration	
	£	%	£	%	& operation	
Hamilton Cables (East Anglia) Ltd	100	100	100	100	England	
Hamilton Cables (East Riding) Ltd	76	100	76	76	England	
Hamilton Pow-R-Safe Systems Ltd	<i>7</i> 5	100	75	100	England	
	251		251		_	

All of the above holdings are of £1 ordinary shares

9. STOCK

	Grou	Group		any
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	$\underline{\boldsymbol{f}}$
Stock for resale	1,307,732	1,186,242	1,040,143_	900,736

10. DEBTORS

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Group		Com	pany
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	956,369	1,380,8 <i>7</i> 8	579,832	881,936
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	528,466	5 <i>7</i> 0,198
Other debtors	29,825	24,959	12,952	6,074
Prepayments and accrued income	102,977	49,983	121,670	86,884
	1,089,171	<u>1,455,820</u>	1,242,920	1,545,092

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

11. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within one year:

	Group		Comp	any
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	601,585	750,016	348,108	399,622
Trade creditors	445,281	708,232	359,978	600,621
Amounts owed to related undertakings	-	<i>57,</i> 00 <i>7</i>	-	5 <i>7,</i> 00 <i>7</i>
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,824,772	1,524,119	1,824,772	1,524,119
Social Security and other taxes	132,708	183,492	122,400	187,958
Hìre purchase	9,290	24,501	5,483	5,416
Accruals	108,309	58,476	92,699	40,004
Other creditors	55,002	12,473	44,029	
	3,176,947	3,318,316	2,797,469	2,814,747

12. CREDITORS

Amounts falling due after more than one year:

	Gro	up	Comp	any
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Bank Ioan	244,760	265,937	244,760	265,937
Hire purchase	7,210	4,620	6,397	2,440
	251,970	270,557	251,157	268,377

13. LOANS AND OVERDRAFTS

An analysis of the maturity of loans and overdrafts is given below:

	Gre	oup	Compan	y
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:				
Bank overdrafts	563,839	728,930	310,362	378,536
Bank Ioans	37,746_	21,086	37,746	21,086
	601,585	750,016	348,108	399,622
Amounts falling due between one and two years: Bank loans	37,646	21,086	37,646	21,086
Amounts falling due between two and five years: Bank loans	<u>85,393</u>	63,258	85,393	63,258
Amounts falling due in more than five years: Repayable by instalments Bank loans	<u> 121,721</u>	<u>181,</u> 593	121,721	181,593

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

Note 13. Continued

The company's bank loans and overdraft are secured by a mortgage debenture over the company's assets and legal mortgages over the company's freehold land and buildings.

14. OBLIGATIONS UNDER HIRE PURCHASECONTRACTS AND LEASES

	Gro	Group		any
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Gross obligations repayable:				
Within one year	10,342	26,824	6,328	6,083
Between one and five years	8,300	<u>4,931</u>	7,383	2, <i>7</i> 51
	18,642	31,755	13,711	8,834
Finance charges repayable:				
Within one year	1,052	2,323	845	667
Between one and five years	1,090	311_	986	311
	2,142	2,634	1,831	978
Net obligations repayable:				
Within one year	9,290	24,501	5,483	5,416
Between one and five years	7,210	4,620	6,397	2,440
·	16,500	29,121	11,880	7,856

The following payments are committed to be paid within one year in respect of operating leases:

	Group		Group Company		any
	2001	2000	2001	2000	
	£	£	£	£	
Expiring:					
Within one year	9,659	5,989	9,659	5,664	
Between one and five years	25,845_	16,845	25,845	16,520	
	35,504	22,834	35,504	22,184	

15. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debtors are included within creditors:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Bank overdraft	563,839	728,930
Bank loans	282,506	287,023
Hire purchase contract	16,500_	29,121
	862,845	1,045,074

16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The maximum potential liability for which no provision has been made in the accounts is as follows:

	2001	2000
	£	£
Accelerated capital allowances	22,354	23,612

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

Equity interests

17.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		2001 and 2000	
		Authorised	Issued and
		£	Fully paid
			£
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100
	-		
18.	REVALUATION RESERVE – COMPANY AND GRO	UP	
		2001	2000
		£	£
	At 1st January 2001	135,330	137,430
	Transfer to profit and loss account	(2,100)	(2,100)
	At 31 st December 2001	133,230	135,330
19.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT – GROUP		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	At 1 st January 2001	(40,232)	(51,154)
	(Loss)/profit for the year	(19,320)	8,822
	Goodwill on acquisition of shares	(3,780)	-
	Transfer from revaluation reserve	2100	2,100
	At 31 st December 2001	(61,232)	(40,232)
	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - COMPANY		
		2001	2000
		£	£
	At 1 st January 2001	158,370	145,743
	(Loss)/Profit for the year	(49,992)	10,52 <i>7</i>
	Transfer from revaluation reserve	2,100	2100
	At 31 st December 2001	110,478	<u> 158,370</u>
20	. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHO	OLDERS FUNDS - (GROUP
		2001	2000
		£	£
	(Loss)/Profit for the year	(23,100)	8,822
	Net addition to/(reduction of) shareholders funds	(23,100)	8,822
	Shareholders funds at 1st January 2001	95,198	86,376
	Shareholders funds at 31st December 2001	72,098	95,198

RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS - COMPANY

	2001	2000
	£	£
(Loss)/Profit for the year	(49,992)	10,527
Net addition to shareholders funds	(49,992)	10,527
Shareholders funds at 1st January 2001	293,800	283,273
Shareholders funds at 31st December 2001	243,808	293,800
Equity interests	243,808	293,800

72,098

95,198

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31st December 2001

22. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The group had no contingent liabilities at 31st December 2001 or at 31st December 2000.

23. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the group traded with other companies within the Alma Sapa Group. The trade between the companies, which was on a normal commercial basis, consisted of the supply of goods and services. The amounts involved during the year were:-

	2001
	£
Tratos Cavi – Purchases	1,380,913

All transactions were made at cost. At 31st December 2001, £1,824,772 was due to Tratos Cavi.

The ultimate controlling party is Mr A Bragagni, a shareholding director of Hamilton Cables Limited who also holds a controlling interest in the ultimate parent company Alma Sapa.

24. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATIONS.

	2001	2000
	£	£
Operating profit	96,917	152,536
Depreciation charges	75,356	76,681
Loss on disposal of assets	854	15,276
Increase in stock	(121,490)	(99,039)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	366,649	(49,590)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	22,273	201,576
Net cash inflow from operating activities	440,559	297,440

25. RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE

	2001	2000
	£	£
Interest received	20	45
Interest paid	(113,134)	(140,055)
Interest element of hire purchase payments	(3,123)	(7,176)
Net cash outflow for returns on Investments and servicing of finance	(116,237)	(147,186)

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26. CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	2001 £ (53,564) 37,148	2000 £ (98,746) 39,379
Net cash (outflow)/inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	(16,416)	(59,367)
27. FINANCING	2001	2000
	£	£
New loan taken out in year	28,563	323,461
Loan repayments in year	(45,701)	(278,532)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from financing	(17,138)	44,929_

28. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN DEBT

	At 1.1.01	Cash Flow	At 31.12.01
NET CASH	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft and invoice discounting	17,880 (728,930) (711,050)	125,677 165,091 290,768	143,557 (563,839) (420,282)
DEBT			
Hire purchase	(29,121) (29,121)	12,621 12,621	(16,500) (16,500)
Total	(740,171)	303,389	436,782
Analysed in balance sheet			
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft Hire purchase	17,880 (728,930)		143,557 (563,839)
Within one year After one year	(24,501) (4,620) (740,171)		(9,290) (7,210) (436,782)