Directors' report and financial statements

31 December 1995

Registered number 2019020





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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1995.

Principal activities

The group's principal activities are within the Civil Engineering industry and consist of:

- foundation construction using a wide variety of piling and diaphragm walling techniques;
- basement construction using secant pile or diaphragm walls and ground anchors;
- classical and jet grouting;
- cut offs using classical slurry wall and vibrated diaphragm wall techniques; and
- geotechnical engineering for the repair and protection of the environment.

Business review

With effect form 30 June 1996 the company changed its name to Bachy Holdings Limited. In addition Bachy Holdings Limited's immediate parent company changed its name from SIF Entreprise Bachy SA to Bachy SA.

The group has continued its policy of targeting and executing major projects in joint venture. The cross fertilisation of ideas and sharing of resource has brought benefits for both the group, its partners and its clients. The directors are pleased to announce an increase in turnover from £38.1m to £46.2m.

Profits for the year have been hit by a significant unrealised foreign exchange loss of £0.6 million and thus the pre tax profit of £0.1 million is below that achieved for 1994.

The group remains one of the market leaders in foundation and geotechnical engineering in the UK, Europe and the Middle East and with the growing reputation as a valuable joint venture partner in underground works, the directors feel the group now has an opportunity to demonstrate its technical expertise to a wider client base.

The group has successfully undertaken the following contracts during the year:

- Construction of bearing piles in limited headroom underneath the carpark of Copenhagen Airport as part of the Oresund Crossing scheme;
- Piling for bridge abutments on the Plymouth By-pass as part of the scheme to build the road away from its final location and subsequently slide it into place thus minimising traffic congestion;



Directors' report (continued)

Business review (continued)

- Piling at various locations along 8km of the new M65 extension from Blackburn to Preston in joint venture with another specialist contractor;
- A combined piling and roadway contract for Railtrack in South Milford;
- Installation of a slurry wall and membrane around Prospect Park at Heathrow Airport;
- A soil mixing project to neutralise the ground from toxic waste at a site in Scotland;
- Compensation grouting at Green Park Station on the Jubilee Line Extension to facilitate the connection of the existing line and station with the new work;
- A secant wall for an underground car park under prestigious offices at Brook House in London;
- A secant wall for a basement as part of a new development at Thames Court in London.

Donations

The group supports the work undertaken by several employees with their direct involvement in the charity, Romania with Aid. The group contributed during the year to help fund the work carried out at orphanages in Romania.

Employees

It is group's policy to give full and fair consideration to the employment of disabled people wherever possible, in as much as their abilities allow. Efforts are and will continue to be made to retain employees who become disabled whilst in service, and to afford them whatever training they may need to take on new challenges in the group.

The group makes full use of regular News Flashes and an in-house magazine with contributions from all employees to communicate all matters of interest to as wide an audience as possible.

Proposed dividend and transfer to reserves

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend. The movement in reserves is shown in note 16.

Significant changes in fixed assets

These are disclosed under note 9 to the accounts.



Directors' report (continued)

Market value of land and buildings

In the opinion of the directors, the market value of the land and buildings of the group exceeds the book values of these assets by £300,000. A potential tax liability of £20,000 in excess of that shown in note 15 would arise if these assets were sold at this amount.

Directors and directors' interests

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

David E Sherwood

(Chairman and Managing Director)

Francois Baleydier

(resigned 28 November 1995)

Jacques Benetar

John EM Cockcroft

(resigned 18 September 1995)

Mark D Deary

Michel Ferre Jean Gady

(resigned 28 November 1995)

Christopher N Harnan

Bruno Lacoin

(appointed 28 November 1995)

None of the directors who held office at the end of the period had any disclosable interest in the shares of the company or its subsidiary undertakings.

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 or on the organ

MD Deary

Director

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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 group 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company/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 company and group 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 group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.





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Auditors' report to the members of Bachy Holdings Limited (formerly SIF Entreprise Bachy Limited)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 27.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 4 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the 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 group'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 as at 31 December 1995 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

30 August 1996



Consolidated profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 1995	Note	1995 £	1994 £
Turnover	2	46,168,927	38,136,234 (35,050,637)
Cost of sales		(42,375,601)	(33,030,037)
Gross profit		3,793,326	3,085,597
Administrative expenses		(3,425,669)	(2,741,396)
Operating profit		367,657	344,201
Income from interests in associated undertakings	10	66,192	24,791
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	29,961	17,177
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(375,793)	(345,353)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2-5	88,017	40,816
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	8	(30,000)	223,909
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		58,017	264,725
Minority interests	17	(1,982)	(12,506)
Retained profit for the year	16	56,035	252,219

Consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 December 1995

	1995 ₤	1994 £
Profit for the financial year	56,035	252,219
Currency translation differences on foreign currency net investments	(11,075)	1,987
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year	44,960	254,206

Turnover and operating profits are derived from continuing operations in both the current and preceding period. A note of historical cost profits has not been prepared as the difference between the results as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the result as given by an unmodified historical cost basis is not material for either the current or preceding year.



Consolidated balance sheet

at 31 December 1995	Note	Note 1995 ₤ £		£	
Fixed assets	Q		2,487,205		1,820,213

		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets			2.497.205		1,820,213
Tangible assets	9		2,487,205 371,528		257,397
Investments	10		3/1,320		
			2,858,733		2,077,610
Current assets	11	1,548,696	2,000,00	1,101,317	
Stocks	12	9,836,263		12,110,932	
Debtors	12	9,234,684		4,625,555	
Cash at bank and in hand				<u> </u>	
		20,619,643		17,837,804	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(19,355,314)		(15,744,616)	
			1,264,329		2,093,188
Net current assets			-,- -,		
Debtors: amounts falling due after more	12		2,256,406		2,026,761
than one year	^-		<u> </u>		
Total assets less current liabilities			6,379,468		6,197,559
Creditors: amounts falling			(* <0.4.0<*)		(2,500,000)
due after more than one year	14		(2,604,967)		(55,850)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	15		(85,850)		(55,650)
			3,688,651		3,641,709
Net assets					
Capital and reserves			2,250,000		2,250,000
Called up share capital	18		1,011,634		966,674
Profit and loss account	16		1,011,054		
Shareholders' funds	19		3,261,634		3,216,674
Minority interests	17		427,017		425,035
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 15 th august 1996and were signed on its behalf by:

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Balance sheet at 31 December 1995

	Note	£	1995 £	£	1994 £
Fixed assets Tangible assets Investments	9 10		2,999,369		2,599,369
Current assets Debtors	12	5,127,214	2,999,369	5,022,610	2,599,369
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(2,639,171)		(2,134,567)	
Net current assets			2,488,043		2,888,043
Total assets less current liabilities			5,487,412		5,487,412
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14		(2,555,800)		(2,555,800)
Net assets			2,931,612		2,931,612
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	18 16		2,250,000 681,612		2,250,000 681,612
Shareholders' funds	19		2,931,612		2,931,612

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 15th August and were signed on its behalf by:

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DE Sherwood Director MD Deary Director

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

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

Basis of preparation

The group's financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention (incorporating the revaluation of certain freehold properties and plant and machinery) in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of SIF Entreprise Bachy Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings. These accounts are made up to 31 December 1995. For associated undertakings the group includes its share of profits and losses in the consolidated profit and loss account and its share of post acquisition retained profits or accumulated deficits in the consolidated balance sheet. The consolidated accounts are based on accounts which are coterminous with those of the parent company unless as stated in note 10. Where year ends are non-coterminous results are consolidated based on information up to the financial year end of the investment and management estimates thereafter.

Unless otherwise stated, the acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary and associated undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal. Goodwill arising on consolidation relating to subsidiary undertakings is written off against reserves on acquisition. Any excess of the aggregate of the fair value of the separable net assets acquired over the fair value of the consideration given (negative goodwill) is credited direct to reserves.

In the company's accounts, investments in subsidiary and associated undertakings are stated at cost.

In accordance with Section 230(4) of the Companies Act 1985 Bachy Holdings Limited is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

The company being a wholly owned subsidiary of Bachy SA (formerly SIF Entreprise Bachy SA), has not included a cashflow statement as part of these accounts.

The amount of the profit for the year dealt with in the financial statements of Bachy Holdings Limited is disclosed in note 16 to these accounts.

Investment in joint ventures

The joint ventures detailed in note 10 have been proportionately consolidated with the appropriate share of joint venture income, expenditure, assets and liabilities included in the profit and loss account and balance sheet. The directors consider this accounting policy leads to a more appropriate presentation of the group's results.



Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Turnover

Turnover has been calculated on the basis of the value of work executed during the period including the settlement of monetary claims on contracts completed in previous years, and includes the group's share of joint venture turnover, net of VAT where appropriate.

Recognition of profits and losses on contracts

No distinction has been drawn between the accounting treatment of long and short term contract work in progress and profits and losses are recognised on long and short term contracts in progress at the period end. Profits so recognised do not exceed the projected percentage contract profit calculated by reference to the value of work done to the balance sheet date. Full provision is made for all foreseeable losses.

On contracts where insufficient work has been undertaken to allow a satisfactory contract profit or loss projection to be established, costs to date are included in work in progress and no profits are recognised.

Contract work in progress

Amounts recoverable on contracts, which include attributable profits determined on the basis of measured work to the balance sheet date, are included in debtors. Deductions are made for foreseeable losses.

Depreciation

The charge for depreciation of fixed assets is calculated as follows:-

Freehold properties

Costs and revaluations of freehold properties are allocated between land and buildings. The building values are depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight line basis. Anticipated useful lives are:

Plant department building - 25 years
Offices - 10 years

Other

The depreciation is calculated to write off the cost less anticipated residual value of the following assets on a straight line basis over the anticipated useful lives by equal instalments commencing in the month that the items are brought into use:-

Plant and machinery 3 to 5 years
Fixtures and fittings 4 years
Motor vehicles 5 years

Accelerated depreciation has been applied to certain specialist assets originally acquired for specific contracts. Also where certain major assets have not been used for all or part of a year, no depreciation is applied for the relevant period. In the opinion of the directors the residual value of these assets is now no greater than other comparable items of plant.



Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the result 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.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Leases

Where the group 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 within 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 group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The amount charged against profits represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account. Exchange differences arising from the retranslation of the opening net investment in overseas companies, including overseas branches, are disclosed as movements on reserves.



Notes (continued)

2 Analysis of turnover and profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The group has only one class of business. While it operates in differing geographical segments the directors consider that a description of the geographical markets supplied would be seriously prejudicial to the interests of the group.

3 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

		1995 £	1994 £
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		
	after charging		
	Auditors' remuneration:		
	Audit	33,000	34,675
	Non Audit	15,850	42,540
	Depreciation and other amounts written		
	off tangible fixed assets	40.4.0.4.0	100.061
	Owned	404,913	489,361
	Operating lease rentals	255.057	225 (07
	Plant and machinery	357,076	325,607 47,000
	Other assets	64,452	47,000 169,801
	Exchange losses	589,456	109,001
	after crediting		
	Profit on sale of fixed assets	(63,578)	(38,445)
4	Remuneration of directors		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Directors' emoluments:		
	Remuneration as executives	265,530	240,071
		265,530	240,071

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the chairman, who is also the highest paid director, were £65,800 (1994: £61,589).



Notes (continued)

4 Remuneration of directors (continued)

The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the directors (excluding the chairman and highest paid directors) were within the following ranges:

				Number of directors
			1995	1994
£0	_	£ 5,000	5	4
£40,001	_	£45,000	1	1
£45,001	-	£50,000	1	1

During the year and the preceding year, one director performed his duties wholly outside the UK and his remuneration has not been disclosed above in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

5 Staff numbers and costs

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

	Number of employe	
	1995	1994
Administration/Management	75	72
Site operatives	262	268
Plant department and factory	68	67
	405	407
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	1995	1994
	£	£
Wages and salaries	8,291,972	8,854,227
Social security costs	646,257	688,128
Other pension costs	240,648	170,434
	9,178,877	9,712,789



Notes (continued)

6 Other interest receivable and similar	ar income
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	1995 £	1994 £
Interest on corporation tax repayment Bank interest receivable	14,310 15,651	15,990 1,187
Balik interest recorvation	29,961	17,177
7 Interest payable and similar charges		
	1995 £	1994 £
On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans wholly repayable within five years Finance lease charges	366,645 9,148	342,135 3,218
	375,793	345,353
8 Taxation		
	1995 £	1994 £
UK corporation tax charge at 33% (1994: 33%) on the profit for the year on ordinary activities Deferred taxation charge/(credit) Adjustments relating to earlier years	30,000	66,224 (52,015) (238,118)
	30,000	(223,909)

The adjustments in 1994 relating to earlier years are corporation tax refunds arising from the agreement by the tax authorities of a number of open years' computations.



Notes (continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Fixtures fittings tools and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Group				
Cost				
At beginning of year	787,968	4,998,533	316,889	6,103,390
Additions	-	1,060,831	22,496	1,083,327
Disposals	-	(49,050)	-	(49,050)
At end of year	787,968	6,010,314	339,385	7,137,667
	-	_		
Depreciation and diminution in value				
At beginning of year	212,708	3,768,339	302,130	4,283,177
Charge for year	12,480	372,116	20,317	404,913
On disposals	-	(37,628)	÷	(37,628)
At end of year	225,188	4,102,827	322,447	4,650,462
Net book value At 31 December 1995	562,780	1,907,487	16,938	2,487,205
At 31 December 1994	575,260	1,230,194	14,759	1,820,213

Included in the above value of freehold land and buildings at 31 December 1995 is £195,752 (1994: £195,752) relating to freehold land which has not been depreciated. Within plant and machinery are assets held under finance leases with a net book value of £210,138 (1994: £224,434)). Depreciation charged on these assets during the year was £14,296 (1994: £nil).

Notes (continued)

9 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

	Fixtures fittings tools and equipment £
Company	æ
Cost At beginning of year Additions Disposals	33,974
At end of year	33,974
Depreciation and diminution in value At beginning of year Charge for year On disposals	33,974 - -
At end of year	33,974
Net book value At 31 December 1995	
At 31 December 1994	-



Notes (continued)

10 Fixed asset investments

	Interests in associated undertakings £	ass	oans to sociated ctakings	Total £
Group	-			
Cost				
At beginning of year	144,794		206,175	350,969
Additions	47,939		-	47,939
At end of year	192,733		206,175	398,908
Share of post acquisition reserves				
At beginning of year	(59,366)	•	(34,206)	(93,572)
Retained profits less losses	66,192		-	66,192
At end of year	6,826	_	(34,206)	(27,380)
Net book value		_	 -	
At 31 December 1995	199,559	_	171,969	371,528
At 31 December 1994	85,428	_	171,969	257,397
	Shares in group undertakings £	Loans to group undertakings £	associated undertakings	Total £
Company Cost	æ	æ	. a	a.
At beginning and end of year	1,177,400	1,650,000	171,969	2,999,369

Shares in group undertakings comprise £1,177,400 (1994: £1,177,400) in respect of shares held in subsidiary undertakings.



Notes (continued)

10 Fixed asset investments (continued)

The companies in which the group's interest is more than 10%, all of which have been included in the consolidated financial statements are as follows:

Subsidiary undertakings (% of ordinary shares)	Principal activities
Bachy Limited (100%)	Specialist geotechnical engineering and foundation and basement construction, including piling, diaphragm walls, and ground anchors within the Civil Engineering industry
Bachy Bauer Limited * (55%)	Specialist geotechnical engineering and foundation construction including secant walls, rock cutter concrete walls and jet grouting
Bachy Wayss & Freytag Ltd * (51%)	Tunnelling
Pigott Foundations Limited (100%)	Dormant from 31 December 1992
Bachy (UK) Limited (100%)	Dormant from 31 December 1992
Europile Limited (100%)	Dormant from 31 December 1992
Bachy Overseas Limited (100%)	Sub Holding company
Bachy Norge AS *	Geotechnical engineering and foundation construction within
(100% - Incorporated in Norway)	the Civil Engineering Industry
Europile AS *	Dormant
(100% - Incorporated in Norway)	
Bachy Sverige AB *	Dormant
(100% - Incorporated in Sweden)	
Associated undertakings	Principal activities
Europile AB (36.9% - Incorporated in Sweden)	Manufacture and installation of segmental precast concrete piles
Pierse Bachy Limited (50% - Incorporated in Ireland)	Contract management

Note: The companies are incorporated in England unless otherwise specified



Notes (continued)

10 Fixed asset investments (continued)

Other investments	Principal place of business
Joint Ventures accounted for by proportional consolidation Stent Bachy Soletanche * (40% of capital in joint venture)	Henderson House, Langley Place, Burscough, Lancashire
Bachy Cementation * (50% of capital in joint venture)	Henderson House, Langley Place, Burscough, Lancashire
Bachy Amec* (50% of capital in joint venture)	Henderson House, Langley Place Burscough, Lancashire
Tarmac Bachy* (Year end November 1995) (40% of capital in joint venture)	Roadstone House, Wolverhampton
McAlpine, Wayss & Freytag Bachy* (Year end October 1995) (20% of capital in joint venture)	Eaton Court, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hemptstead
Bachy Bauer Swiss Boring* (33% of capital in joint venture)	Chicago Beach Hotel Resort Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Cementation Bachy * (Year end September 1995) (35% of capital in joint venture)	Maple Cross House, Maple Cross, Hertfordshire

Joint ventures are controlled and managed by the respective joint venture boards. All partners to the joint venture have equal representation and voting power on the board, irrespective of their share in the profits or losses of the entity.

11 Stocks

	1995 £	Group 1994 £	1995 £	Company 1994 £
Raw materials and consumables Finished goods and goods for resale	1,427,634 121,062	980,255 121,062	<u>-</u>	-
	1,548,696	1,101,317		
	1,340,090	1,101,517		



^{*} investments held by subsidiary undertakings

Notes (continued)

12 Debtors

		Group		Company
	1995	1994	1995	1994
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year				
Amounts recoverable on contracts	7,418,914	8,826,274	-	-
Corporation tax debtor Amounts owed by subsidiary	17,144	229,858	-	_
undertakings	-	-	5,127,214	5,022,610
Amounts owed by joint ventures Amounts owed by parent and fellow	899,487	1,056,289	•	-
subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by associated	94,426	121,966	-	-
undertakings	111,893	238,926	-	_
Other debtors	772,825	974,360	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	521,574	663,259	-	-
	9,836,263	12,110,932	5,127,214	5,022,610
Amounts falling due after more than one year		2.026.7(1		
Amounts recoverable on contracts	2,256,406	2,026,761	•	-



Notes (continued)

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	1995 £	Group 1994 £	1995 £	Company 1994 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,936,107	2,094,261	2,609,398	2,075,563
	1,280,000	940,871	-	-
Payments received on account Trade creditors	5,611,516	5,362,327	377	1,577
Amounts owed to joint ventures	489,731	130,899	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,648,945	2,381,810	5,000	5,000
Obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts Other creditors including taxation and	62,185	-	•	-
social security: Corporation tax Other creditors (including	-	74,763	-	-
other taxes and social security)	1,864,821	1,696,463		- 407
Accruals and deferred income	3,462,009	3,063,222	24,396	52,427
	19,355,314	15,744,616	2,639,171	2,134,567
The amounts owed to group undertakings comprise: Parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings Subsidiary undertakings	4,648,945	2,381,810	5,000 	5,000
	4,648,945	2,381,810	5,000	5,000



Notes (continued)

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	1995 £	Group 1994 £	1995 £	Company 1994 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Amounts owed to other group undertakings	500,000	500,000	555,800	555,800
Obligations under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts	104,967	-	-	
	2,604,967	2,500,000	2,555,800	2,555,800
The amounts owed to group undertakings comprise:				
Parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings Subsidiary undertakings	500,000	500,000	500,000 55,800	500,000 55,800
	500,000	500,000	555,800	555,800

Obligations under finance leases and similar hire purchase contracts fall due within two to five years.



Notes (continued)

15 Provisions for liabilities and charges	15	Provisions f	or liabilities	and charges
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Group				Taxation including deferred taxation
At beginning of year Charge for the year to the profit and loss a	ccount			55,850 30,000
At end of year				85,850
Company At beginning and end of year				_
The amounts provided for deferred taxatic	on and the amo	unts not provided	l are set out be	elow: 1994
Group	Provided £	Unprovided £	Provided £	Unprovided £
Difference between accumulated depreciation and amortisation and capital allowances Other timing differences	85,850	-	55,850	
	85,850 	-	55,850	
Company At beginning and end of year	-	-	-	-



Notes (continued)

16 Reserves

Group		Profit and loss account £
At beginning of year Retained profit for year Exchange differences on consolidation		966,674 56,035 (11,075)
At end of year		1,011,634
	1995 £	1994 £
Retained (loss)/profit for the year dealt with in the accounts of:	_	_
The company Group undertakings Associated undertakings	(10,157) 66,192	227,428 24,791
At end of year	56,035	252,219

The cumulative amount of goodwill resulting from acquisitions in earlier periods which has been written off is £8,687 (1994: £8,687).

Company	Profit and loss account £
At beginning of year Result for the year	681,612
At end of year	681,612



Notes (continued)

		1995	1994
		£	£
	At beginning of year	425,035	412,529
	Share of profit for the year	1,982	12,506
	At end of year	427,017	425,035
	All minority interests are attributable to equity interests.		
18	Called up share capital		
		1995	1994
		£	£
	Authorised	1 500 000	1 500 000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Ordinary "B" shares of £1 each	750,000	750,000
		2,250,000	2,250,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Ordinary "B" shares of £1 each	750,000	750,000
		2,250,000	2,250,000

The ordinary shares and ordinary "B" shares have equal rights.



Notes (continued)

10	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds
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Group	1995 £	1994 £
Retained profit for the financial year Exchange differences on consolidation Opening shareholders' funds	56,035 (11,075) 3,216,674	252,219 1,987 2,962,468
Closing shareholders' funds	3,261,634	3,216,674
Company Result for the financial year	-	-
Opening shareholders' funds	2,931,612	2,931,612
Closing shareholders' funds	2,931,612	2,931,612

All shareholders' interests are attributable to equity interests.

20 Commitments

- (i) There were no capital commitments or finance lease commitments (the inception of which occurred after the year end) at the year end for either the group or the company (1994: £Nil).
- (ii) Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases other than land and buildings are as follows:

Group	1995 £	1994 £
Operating leases which expire: Within one year	72,883	39,518
In the second to fifth years inclusive	304,620	261,592
	377,503	301,110
Company	Nil	Nil



Notes (continued)

21 Contingent liabilities

	1995 £	1994 £
Group Indemnity issued for performance bonds	1,992,556	1,942,778
Company Guarantee in favour of subsidiary undertakings *	<u>.</u>	-

No valuable security has been given by either the company or the group in respect of the above contingent liabilities.

22 Pension scheme

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost for the period represents contributions payable by the group to the fund and amounted to £240,648 (1994: £170,434). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at the year end.

23 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Bachy SA (formerly SIF Entreprise Bachy SA) which is the ultimate parent company incorporated in France.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Bachy SA, incorporated in France. These accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from Mr MD Deary, Bachy Holdings Limited, Henderson House, Langley Place, Burscough, Lancashire.



^{*} Bachy Holdings Limited has issued several guarantees and warranties for unspecified amounts in respect of work of its subsidiary undertakings.