

Group Profit and Loss Account

For the year ended 31 December 2002

	Note	2002 €'000	2001 €'000
Turnover			
Continuing operations		1,087,375	988,790
Acquisitions		64,983	-
Total turnover	1	<u>1,152,358</u>	<u>988,790</u>
Operating profit before goodwill amortisation	2		
Continuing operations		91,387	79,139
Acquisitions		924	-
		<u>92,311</u>	<u>79,139</u>
Goodwill amortisation	11	<u>4,195</u>	<u>3,096</u>
Operating profit	2	88,116	76,043
Profit on disposal of property	3	<u>3,711</u>	<u>2,262</u>
Trading profit	2	91,827	78,305
Income from financial assets		1,611	1,317
Interest payable (net)	6	<u>13,219</u>	<u>12,386</u>
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		80,219	67,236
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	8	<u>12,048</u>	<u>8,741</u>
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		68,171	58,495
Dividends on ordinary shares	9		
- paid		9	5,679
- proposed		-	8,321
		<u>9</u>	<u>14,000</u>
Profit retained for the financial year	26	<u>68,162</u>	<u>44,495</u>
Earnings per share	10	<u>38.75c</u>	<u>33.61c</u>
Adjusted earnings per share	10	<u>39.26c</u>	<u>34.09c</u>
Diluted earnings per share	10	<u>37.90c</u>	<u>32.99c</u>
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	10	<u>38.40c</u>	<u>33.47c</u>

On behalf of the Board

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