UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of directors

Mr M H R Rawlins (resigned 26 February 2009)

Dr C M Trinder Mr Y M J M Mohsen

Mr A Rico

BI Secretariat Limited

Mr P R Moore

Mr J Artaiz (appointed 16 January 2008)

Company secretary

BI Nominees Limited

Registered office

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Minworth

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Auditors

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditor

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THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 30 November 2008

BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company (United Cast Bar (UK) Limited) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BI Group Plc ("BI Group") and operates as part of United Cast Bar Group of companies, the metals division of BI Group

The Company's principal activities are the manufacture and distribution of continuous cast iron bar to the hydraulics and automotive industries primarily in the United Kingdom, Europe, United States of America and Asia. It also acts as a holding company for subsidiaries which are cast iron bar stockholders and distributors. There have not been any significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review. The Directors are not, at the date of this report, aware of any likely major changes in the Company's activities in the next year.

The metals division of which the Company is a part invests in research and development activities appropriate to the nature and size of its operations with the aim of supporting the future development of the Company, as a part of the division, in the medium to long-term future. This research and development activity has resulted in a number of updates to existing products.

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 8, the Company's turnover has increased by 54% over the previous period. Profit before tax almost doubled increasing £1 1m to £2 1m. The balance sheet on page 9 of the financial statements shows the Company's financial position at the year-end and shows a strengthened position as a result of the good profit in the year.

There have been no significant events since the balance sheet date which should be considered for a proper understanding of these financial statements

United Cast Bar Group manages its operations on a divisional basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that further key performance indicators for the Company are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Competitive pressure in Europe and from China is a continuing risk for the Company, which could result in it losing sales to its key competitors. To manage this risk, the Company strives to provide added-value products and services to its customers, prompt response times in the supply of products and services and in the handling of customer queries and maintains strong relationships with customers.

The Company sells products into international markets and it is therefore exposed to currency movements on such sales. Where appropriate, the Company manages this risk with forward foreign exchange contracts in line with BI Group's treasury policies.

The Company's businesses may be affected by fluctuations in the price and supply of key raw materials, although purchasing policies and practices seek to mitigate, where practicable, such risks

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (continued)

The Company is a member of BI Group's multi-employer UK defined benefit pension plan, which is currently in deficit. The funding level of this pension plan is subject to change resulting from movements in the actuarial assumptions underlying the calculation of plan liabilities, including changes in discount rates and increasing longevity of plan members, as well as changes in the market value of plan investments. The UK pension plan ceased to accrue future benefits to members with effect from 31 March 2004 and deficit-reduction contributions are being made under the terms of a repayment schedule agreed with the plan Trustee Currently such contributions are met by BI Group plc on behalf of the Company. Significant changes in the actuarial assumptions underlying the UK plan valuation and the Company's share of any deficit-reduction contributions made into the plan could materially impact the Company's trading results.

The Company is financed by loans from other Group companies which have no predetermined repayment dates or interest payment arrangements

The Group risks to which the Company is exposed are discussed in the Annual Report of the ultimate parent company, National Industries Group (Holding) S A K, which does not form part of this Report

ENVIRONMENT

The Company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to mitigate any adverse impact that might be caused by its activities. Initiatives aimed at minimising the Company's impact on the environment include safe disposal of waste, recycling and reducing energy consumption.

EMPLOYEES

Details of the number of employees and related costs can be found in note 4 to the financial statements. The Company's policy is to give full and fair consideration to applications for employment by disabled persons, having regard to the nature of their employment. Suitable opportunities are offered to disabled persons in order to promote their career development.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Company traded satisfactorily during the year. The directors consider that the Company is soundly based both operationally and financially and anticipate further advances in the forthcoming year. Segmental information is presented in note 2.

The directors have not recommended a dividend (2007 £Nil)

THE DIRECTORS

The directors who served the Company during the year were as follows

Mr M H R Rawlins (resigned 26 February 2009)
Dr C M Trinder
Mr Y M J M Mohsen
Mr A Rico
BI Secretariat Limited
Mr P R Moore
Mr J Artaiz (appointed 16 January 2008)

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year

In preparing these 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- 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 that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that its 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.

Under applicable law the directors are also responsible for preparing a Directors' Report that complies with that law

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

AUDITORS

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution has been passed which results in the Company not being required to annually re-appoint KPMG LLP as its auditors

Registered office Unit 1 First Avenue Maybrook Industrial Estate Minworth Sutton Coldfield West Midlands B76 1BA Signed by order of the directors

On behalf of

UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED

In ?

Approved by the directors on 1 March 2010

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

We have audited the financial statements of United Cast Bar (UK) Limited for the year ended 30 November 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 4

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

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 whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED (continued)

YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

OPINION

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the Company's affairs as at 30 November 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements

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KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor One Snowhill Snow Hill Queensway Birmingham B4 6GH 10 March 2010

UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
TURNOVER	2	20,428,780	13,278,882
Cost of sales		(16,719,959)	(11,594,215)
GROSS PROFIT		3,708,821	1,684,667
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(946,933) (625,732)	(881,461) (388,640)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	2,136,156	414,566
Exceptional item	6	-	577,925
Interest receivable Interest payable	7 8	98,925 (135,091)	141,112 (33,000)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		2,099,990	1,100,603
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(264,219)	-
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	23	1,835,771	1,100,603

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above All of the activities of the Company are classed as continuing

BALANCE SHEET

30 NOVEMBER 2008

	Note	200)8	200)7
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	10		822,025		877,189
Tangible assets	11		4,928,839		3,942,972
Investments	12		4,494,695		4,330,205
			10,245,559		9,150,366
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	3,041,786		2,496,744	
Debtors	14	7,642,878		10,705,363	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,879,471		3,626,979	
		14,564,135		16,829,086	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
within one year	15	(6,756,917)		(9,037,996)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			7,807,218		7,791,090
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			18,052,777		16,941,456
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	16		(6,947,672)		(7,936,341)
Provisions for liabilities	18		(264,219)		-
NET ASSETS			10,840,886		9,005,115
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	22		8,000,000		8,000,000
Profit and Loss Account	23		2,840,886		1,005,115
					
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	24		10,840,886		9,005,115

These financial statements were approved by the directors on 1 March 2010 and are signed on their behalf by

DR C M TRINDER

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DIRECTOR

Company Registration Number 00050918

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form part of these 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 Company's financial statements

Basis of accounting

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

The Company and it's fellow UK based subsidiaries of NIG Guernsey Limited (together "the Companies") are dependent for their working capital on funds provided to it by their ultimate holding company, National Industries Group S A K, an entity resident in Kuwait, which has provided the Companies with an undertaking that for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Companies and, in particular, will not seek repayment of any amounts currently made available. This should enable the Company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment.

Based on this undertaking, the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. The financial statements do not include any adjustments which would result from the basis of preparation being inappropriate.

Group financial statements

The Company is exempt by virtue of S228A(1) of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare Group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its Group

Cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from the requirement of FRS No 1 to prepare a cash flow statement as it is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of National Industries Group (Holding) S A K and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement in the financial statements of that company, which are publicly available

Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents amounts invoiced during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax

Goodwill

Goodwill, which represents the excess of cost of acquisitions of businesses over the value attributed to their net assets and other intangible assets, is amortised through the profit and loss account by equal instalments over its estimated useful economic life of 20 years

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Plant & Machinery

From 5 - 15 years

Stocks

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

In respect of finished goods, cost includes all direct costs of production and the appropriate proportion of production overheads

Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

Pension costs

From 1 January 2006 the Company contributes to employee stakeholder pension plans Prior to this the Company contributed to both defined contribution and defined benefit pension schemes

The assets of the defined contribution scheme, which closed on 31 December 2005, are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged to the scheme represents amounts payable to the schemes in respect of the accounting year.

The defined benefit scheme, which ceased to accrue benefits with effect from 31 March 2004 is a Group wide pension scheme providing benefits on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company. The Company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits', accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result the amount charged to the profit and loss account represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting year.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account deferred taxation. Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

The Company recognises a deferred tax asset in respect of past trading losses to the extent that the directors believe future taxable profits will arise

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions are translated at the rates ruling when they occurred or at rates specified in related forward foreign currency contracts. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or, if appropriate, at rates specified in related forward exchange contracts and exchange differences arising are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provisions for permanent diminution in value

2 TURNOVER

The turnover and loss on ordinary activities before tax are attributable to the one principal activity of the Company

An analysis of turnover by geographical destination is given below

	2008 £	2007 £
United Kingdom	2,942,872	1,527,549
Europe	16,749,355	10,251,075
America	11,301	1,134,247
Rest of world	725,252	366,011
	20,428,780	13,278,882

3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)

	2008	2007
	£	£
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	55,164	55,164
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	509,645	491,758
Depreciation of assets held under finance leases and	· ·	
hire purchase contracts	97,083	81,114
Auditors' remuneration		
- fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit		
of the Company's annual accounts	14,000	14,000
Operating lease costs		
Plant and equipment	53,882	69,611
Divisional management charge receivable	(1,436,583)	(1,503,828)
Group management charge payable	693,347	727,152

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the Company (including executive directors) during the financial year amounted to

2008	2007
No	No
77	76
29	29
106	105
106	105
2008	2007 £
	2,972,861
317,020	290,966
67,469	62,106
3,654,874	3,325,933
	2008 £ 3,270,385 317,020 67,469

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors' aggregate emoluments in respect of qualifying services were

	2008	2007
	£	£
Emoluments receivable	350,551	430,293
Company pension contributions to defined		
contribution schemes	12,226	12,746
	362,777	443,039

The number of directors who are accruing benefits under Company pension schemes are as follows

	2008	2007
	No.	No
Defined contribution schemes	1	1

5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS (continued)

Emoluments of highest paid director

	2008	2007
	£	£
Total emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	123,100	124,425

Company contributions paid to the pension scheme on behalf of the above director during the year amounted to £6,711 (2007 \pm 6,329)

6. EXCEPTIONAL ITEM

	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	2008 £	2007 £ 577,925
7.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
	Interest from Group undertakings Bank interest receivable	2008 £ 18,946 79,979 98,925	2007 £ 78,323 62,789 141,112
8.	INTEREST PAYABLE		
	Finance leases and hire purchase contracts Losses on foreign currency borrowings	$ \begin{array}{r} 2008 \\ £ \\ 29,762 \\ \underline{105,329} \\ \hline 135,091 \end{array} $	2007 £ 33,000

9 TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2008	2007
In respect of the year	£	£
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on profit for the year	-	-
Total current tax charge/(credit)		
Deferred tax (note 18)		
Origination/reversal of timing differences	264,219	
	264,219	-
Tax charge/(credit) on profit/(loss) on ordinary		
activities	264,219	-
		

Factors affecting the tax credit for the current year

The current tax charge for the year is lower (2007 credit is lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK 28 67% (2007 30%) The differences are explained below

	2008 £	2007 £
Current tax reconciliation	-	
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	2,099,990	1,100,603
Current tax at 28 67% (2007 30%)	602,067	330,181
Effects of		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	54,116	977
Current year group relief given	(28,362)	(42,334)
Depreciation for year in excess of capital allowances	135,533	2,101
Utilisation of tax losses	(763,646)	(290,914)
Other timing differences	292	(11)
Total current tax charge/(credit) (see above)		

10. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill £
COST	
At 1 December 2007 and 30 November 2008	1,103,294
AMORTISATION At 1 December 2007 Charge for the year	226,105 55,164
At 30 November 2008	281,269
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 November 2008	822,025
At 30 November 2007	877,189

The directors consider each acquisition separately for the purpose of determining the amortisation period of any goodwill that arises

11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Plant & Machinery £
COST At 1 December 2007	10,233,157
Additions	1,592,595
At 30 November 2008	11,825,752
DEPRECIATION At 1 December 2007 Charge for the year	6,290,185 606,728
At 30 November 2008	6,896,913
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 November 2008	4,928,839
At 30 November 2007	3,942,972

Finance lease agreements

Included within the net book value is £1,614,950 (2007 £916,734) relating to assets held under finance lease agreements. The depreciation charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £97,083 (2007 £81,114)

12. INVESTMENTS

Shares in Group undertakings comprise:

	£
COST At 1 December 2007 Additions	4,503,955 164,490
At 30 November 2008	4,668,445
AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF At 1 December 2007 and 30 November 2008	173,750
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 November 2008	4,494,695
At 30 November 2007	4,330,205

Additions during the year relate to UCB Technometal sro, UCB Germany, and UCB France

Details of investments in ordinary shares directly held by the Company are as follows

	COUNTRY REGISTERED IN	HOLDING %	PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY
UCB Germany GmbH	Germany	100%	Cast Bar Stockholders
UCB Sweden AB	Sweden	100%	and Distributors Cast Bar Stockholders
UCB France	France	51%	and Distributors Cast Bar Stockholders
UCB Metallı srl	Italy	60%	and Distributors Cast Bar Stockholders and Distributors
UCB Austria GmbH	Austria	100%	Cast Bar Stockholders
UCB Technometal sro	Czech Republic	100%	
LAND Lodenice sro	Czech Republic	100%	and Distributors Property Holders

13. STOCKS

	·		
		2008	2007
		£	£
	Raw materials	320,580	385,199
	Finished goods	2,721,206	2,111,545
		3,041,786	2,496,744
14.	DEBTORS		
		2008	2007
	Turde debtere	£	£
	Trade debtors	1,066,015 6,241,678	1,545,466 6,989,494
	Amounts owed by Group undertakings Other debtors	90,439	1,894,473
	Prepayments and accrued income	244,746	275,930
		7,642,878	10,705,363
	The debtors above include the following amounts falling	due after more tha	n one vear
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		2008	2007
		£	£
	Amounts owed by Group undertakings	833,769	1,092,136
15.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2008	2007
		£	£
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance leases	196,915	182,412
	Trade creditors	2,023,670	1,823,161
	Amounts owed to Group undertakings	3,630,593	5,030,190
	Other taxation and social security	79,812	120,171
	Other creditors	178,980	608,487
	Accruals and deferred income	646,947	1,273,575
		6,756,917	9,037,996
16.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than	one year	
		2008	2007
		2008 £	2007 £
	Obligations under hire purchase and finance leases	681,911	248,080
	Amounts owed to Group undertakings	6,265,761	7,688,261
		6,947,672	7,936,341

There are no predetermined repayment dates or interest payment arrangements applying to amounts owed to Group undertakings. However repayment will not be requested within one year

17. PENSIONS

The Company is a member of both the funded defined benefit and the defined contribution pension schemes operated by the immediate parent undertaking, BI Group Plc From 1 January 2006 a Stakeholder Pension Plan has been put in place

BI Group Pension Scheme

The Company contributed to a defined benefit Group pension scheme, the BI Group Pension Scheme which is administered by trustees. With effect from 31 March 2004 further benefits ceased to accrue to the members of the scheme

The Company is unable to identify its share of the scheme assets and liabilities on a consistent and reasonable basis. Consequently as permitted by FRS 17 'Retirement Benefits', the scheme has been accounted for in these financial statements as if the scheme was a defined contribution scheme. The scheme has a deficit of £1 983m and a funding plan has been agreed by the Group and the scheme's Trustees

The pension costs relating to this scheme are assessed in accordance with the advice of an independent qualified actuary using the actuarial method. The latest formal actuarial review of the scheme was carried out at 31 March 2006. The main actuarial assumptions assumed normal market rates of investment returns per annum and a pensionable salary increase assessed at prudent levels. Allowance was made for withdrawals of members before normal retirement age and death in service.

The valuation carried out as at 31 March 2006 was updated for FRS 17 purposes to 30 November 2008 by a qualified independent actuary and showed a deficit of £1 983m

At the date of the valuation, the aggregate actuarial value of the scheme's assets was £22 749m. The level of asset cover for liabilities was 91% with respect to section A, the largest section of the scheme, 89% with respect of section B and 126% with respect of section C.

The employer's contribution for the year in respect of the defined benefit scheme was £Nil (2007 £Nil)

Stakeholder Pension Plan

From 1 January 2006 the Company contributes to employee stakeholder pension plans. The pension cost represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £67,469 (2007 £62,106). There was £6,078 (2007 £5,061) outstanding at the balance sheet date.

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UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

18. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

		Deferred taxation
At beginning of year		-
Charge to the profit and loss for the year		264,219
At end of year		264,219
The elements of deferred taxation are as follows		
	2008	2007
	£	£
Difference between accumulated depreciation and		
capital allowances	371,903	530,077
Short term timing differences and FRS17 Pension	(1,702)	-
UK tax losses	(105,982)	(530,077)
Deferred tax liability	264,219	

The directors have recognised an asset in respect of tax losses to the extent of the deferred tax liability arising by virtue of accelerated capital allowances or other timing differences. To the extent that future profits crystallise a liability utilisation of tax losses is expected to extinguish this liability. In addition, there are tax losses of approximately £Nil which are not included within these financial statements (2007 £324,000)

19. COMMITMENTS UNDER FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS

Future commitments under finance lease agreements included within creditors are as follows

	2008	2007
	£	£
Amounts payable within 1 year	196,915	182,412
Amounts payable between 2 to 5 years	681,911	248,080
	878,826	430,492

2,840,886

UNITED CAST BAR (UK) LIMITED NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2008

20. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 30 November 2008 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

	30 November 2008		30 November 2007	
	Land &	Land & Other Land &		Other
	Buildings	assets	Buildings	assets
	£	£	£	£
Operating leases which expire				
Within 1 year	_	-	-	6,650
Within 2 to 5 years	330,000	53,882	330,000	45,783
After more than 5 years	-	-	-	-
	330,000	53,882	330,000	52,433

21. CONTINGENCIES

The Company is party to the Group's cross guarantee banking arrangements in respect of the Group's £4m term loan (2007 £4m) and the Group's £2 5m overdraft facility which was £Nil at the balance sheet date

22 SHARE CAPITAL

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Autho	rised	share	capital:
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Balance carried forward

7.44.101.104.04.104.104.104.104.104.104.1	2008 £	2007 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	10,000,000	10,000,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:	2008	2007
8,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	8,000,000	8,000,000
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT		
Balance brought forward Profit for the financial year		£ 1,005,115 1,835,771

24. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2008	2007
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	1,835,771	1,100,603
Opening shareholders' equity funds	9,005,115	7,904,512
Closing shareholders' equity funds	10,840,886	9,005,115

25. FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The company has derivative financial instruments that it has not recognised at fair value as follows

Forward exchange contracts with a fair value of £62,000

26 RELATED PARTIES

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption given in FRS No 8 Related Party Disclosures with respect to inter group disclosures as the Group controls at least 90% of the Company's voting share capital and the Group financial statements are publicly available

27. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of BI Group Plc The results of the Company are consolidated in the financial statements of the ultimate parent company, National Industries Group (Holding) S A K incorporated in Kuwait Copies of the financial statements of National Industries Group (Holding) S A K are available from PO Box 417, 13005 Safat, Kuwait