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Report of the Directors and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

<u>for</u>

**Pilling Motor Group Limited** 

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# Company Information for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

**DIRECTORS:** 

K J Pilling

C G Pilling

SECRETARY:

C G Pilling

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

00993353 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

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Registered Auditor & Chartered Accountants

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# Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2008.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of motor retailers.

## **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

After a better than expected group performance in the first quarter of 2008, general economic conditions and particularly the car market deteriorated rapidly. Ongoing losses in the Skoda Franchise became unsustainable and the franchise was terminated in quarter 3. Negotiations with a suitable alternative manufacturer were progressed.

Overall cost cutting measures during the year included staff reductions of 20 through both natural wastage and some redundancies. A group wide reduction in vehicle fleet and consolidation on to single DMS brought additional savings. Payroll reductions of £584,000 annualised were achieved by year end with further cuts planned during quarter 1 of 2009. During quarters 3 and 4 losses of £185,000 were incurred through one-off stock write downs. Group vehicle stock was reduced by 25% achieving ongoing stocking interest savings of £140,000 on an annual basis. In quarter 4 it was decided the sale and lease back of one property would beneficially reduce overall bank debt by £800,000 in 2009.

The directors are confident that with the cost saving measures implemented during 2008 and planned restructuring during 2009 the group is well placed to weather what is likely to be a very challenging year ahead.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

An interim dividend of 50p per share was paid on 1 July 2008. The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid.

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 31 December 2008 will be £125,000.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2008 to the date of this report.

K J Pilling C G Pilling

### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES

The company uses a number of financial instruments which include loans, cash, equity investments and other various items such as trade debtors and trade creditors which arise directly from its operations.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the company to a number of financial risks, which are described in more detail below.

The significant risks arising from the company's financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk and credit risk. The directors review and agree policies for the management of each of these risks which are noted below. These policies are consistent with those from the previous year.

### Interest rate risk

The company's liquidity position does not place reliance on short term borrowings, and hence such perceived risk is considered to be minimal.

## Liquidity risk

The company makes efforts to manage the financial risk by the monitoring of cashflow to ensure that the company is able to meet its foreseeable debts as they fall due and to invest any cash assets profitably.

### Credit Risk

The company's principal financial assets are cash and trade debtors. The credit risk associated with cash is limited and therefore the principal credit risk arises from its trade debtors.

In order to manage credit risk the directors set limits for customers based on a combination of payment history and third party credit references. These credit limits are reviewed regularly by the directors together with the aged debtors and collection history.

# Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 period. 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 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 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 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 company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 234ZA of the Companies Act 1985) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, ASE Audit LLP which changed from Trevor Jones on 1 August 2009, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. The audit report will be signed by ASE Audit LLP.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

C G Pilling - Secretary

Date: 20/10/2009

# Report of the Independent Auditors to the Shareholders of Pilling Motor Group Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Pilling Motor Group Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 on pages five to eighteen. 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 a Report of the Auditors 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out on page three.

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 Report of the Directors 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 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 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.

## Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2008 and of its loss 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 Report of the Directors is consistent with the financial statements.

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ASE Audit LLP
Registered Auditor & Chartered Accountants
Rowan Court
Concord Business Park
Manchester
Greater Manchester
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Date: 20.10.09

# Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

ı	Notes	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
TURNOVER		55,846,356	63,934,105
Cost of sales		48,904,271	55,301,657
GROSS PROFIT		6,942,085	8,632,448
Administrative expenses		7,231,560	8,042,591
		(289,475)	589,857
Other operating income		39,399	281,403
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT	3	(250,076)	871,260
Interest payable and similar charges	4	737,971	843,624
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIE BEFORE TAXATION	ES .	(988,047)	27,636
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	5	(76,643)	50,359
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AFTER TAXATION		(911,404)	(22,723)

# **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR Revaluation during year	(911,404) 1,807,485	(22,723)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATING TO THE YEAR	896,081	(22,723)

## NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

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

# Balance Sheet 31 December 2008

Notes		31.12.08 31.12		31.12	12.07	
Intangible assets		Notes	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets   8   9,254,949   7,442,891   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1   1	FIXED ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS   Stocks   10   8,383,806   9,977,433   2,091,470   2,091,470   2,091,470   142,327   1,683   1,683   2,070,586   2,411,209   2,141,209   2,912,390   2,141,209   2,912,390   2,141,209   2,912,383   2,27,	Intangible assets	7		=		
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CURRENT ASSETS   10   8,383,806   9,977,433   2,091,470   2,091,470   1,274,910   2,091,470   1,683   2,070,586   2,400,632   2,400,632   2,411,209   2,141,209   2,141,209   2,141,209   2,000,000   2,50,000   2,000,000	Investments	9		1		1
Stocks				9,254,950		7,522,979
Debtors	CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	Stocks	10	8,383,806		9,977,433	
Cash in hand       142,327       1,683         9,801,043       12,070,586         CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year       12       13,733,109       14,471,218         NET CURRENT LIABILITIES       (3,932,066)       (2,400,632)         TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES       5,322,884       5,122,347         CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one year       13       (2,410,594)       (2,907,223)         PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES       17       -       (73,915)         NET ASSETS       2,912,290       2,141,209         CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Revaluation reserve       18       250,000       250,000         Revaluation reserve       19       2,434,907       627,422         Profit and loss account       19       227,383       1,263,787	Debtors					
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Called up share capital       18       250,000       250,000         Revaluation reserve       19       2,434,907       627,422         Profit and loss account       19       227,383       1,263,787	NET ASSETS			2,912,290		2,141,209
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Revaluation reserve         19         2,434,907         627,422           Profit and loss account         19         227,383         1,263,787	CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
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<del></del>	Revaluation reserve	19		2,434,907		
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS         23         2,912,290         2,141,209	Profit and loss account	19		227,383		1,263,787
	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	23		2,912,290		2,141,209

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20/10/2009 and were signed on its behalf by:

K J Pilling - Director

# <u>Cash Flow Statement</u> for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

		31.12	2.08	31.12	.07
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1		858,157		1,164,343
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		(737,971)		(843,624)
Taxation			58,275		-
Capital expenditure	2		(224,982)		(233,285)
Equity dividends paid			(125,000)		
			(171,521)		87,434
Financing	2		(402,761)		(121,994)
Decrease in cash in the period			(574,282) ======		(34,560)

Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	3			
Decrease in cash in the period Cash outflow	(574,282)		(34,560)	
from decrease in debt and lease financing	502,318		148,698	
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows		(71,964)		114,138
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1 January		(71,964) (5,057,147)		114,138 (5,171,285)
Net debt at 31 December		(5,129,111)		(5,057,147)

# Notes to the Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

# 1. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Depreciation charges		Operating (loss)/profit		31.12.08 £ (250,076)	31.12.07 £ 871,260
Decrease in stocks		Depreciation charges		311,879	403,811
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors					
Decrease in creditors   (1,546,903)   (354,414)     Net cash inflow from operating activities   858,157   1,164,343     2.   ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT   31.12.08   £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £					
2. ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT    Returns on investments and servicing of finance   (737,971)   (841,342)   (11erest paid   (737,971)   (843,624)     Interest paid   (737,971)   (843,624)   (228,282)   (233,285)     Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance   (737,971)   (843,624)     Capital expenditure   (271,501)   (271,583)   (271,501)   (371,583)   (382,98)     Net cash outflow for capital expenditure   (224,982)   (233,285)     Financing   (496,632)   (127,772)   (123,296)     Loan repayments in year   (496,632)   (127,772)   (124,443)   (123,296)     Amount introduced by directors   (124,443)   (123,296)     Net cash outflow from financing   (402,761)   (121,994)     3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT   At 1.1.08   Cash flow   31,12.08     Net cash   (1647,603)   (174,926)   (2,364,212)     Cash at bank and in hand   (1,683)   (140,644   (142,327   (144,9266)   (714,926)   (2,364,212)     Cash at bank and in hand   (1,647,603)   (574,282)   (2,221,885)     Debt:   Hire purchase   (5,686)   (5,686)   (5,686   - Debts falling due   within one year   (496,635)   (3,409,544)   (502,318   (2,907,226)					
Returns on investments and servicing of finance   frame   fr		Net cash inflow from operating activities		858,157	1,164,343
Returns on investments and servicing of finance   Interest paid   (737,971)   (841,342)   (2,282)     Interest element of hire purchase payments   - (2,282)     Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance   (737,971)   (843,624)     Capital expenditure   Purchase of tangible fixed assets   (271,501)   (271,583)   (271,583)   (36,519   38,298     Net cash outflow for capital expenditure   (224,982)   (233,285)     Financing   (496,632)   (127,772)   (271,583)   (271,5	2.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN T	HE CASH FLOW	STATEMENT	
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Interest element of hire purchase payments				(737,971)	(841,342)
Capital expenditure   Purchase of tangible fixed assets   C271,501   C271,583   Sale of tangible fixed assets   46,519   38,298     Net cash outflow for capital expenditure   C224,982   C233,285     Financing   Capital expenditure   C224,982   C233,285     Capital repayments in year   C496,632   C127,772   C291tal repayments in year   C5,686   C29,260   150,000   Amount introduced by directors   C224,000   150,000   Amount withdrawn by directors   C124,443   C123,296     Net cash outflow from financing   C402,761   C121,994     3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT   At 1.1.08   Cash flow   31.12.08   £ £ £   £     Net cash:   Cash at bank and in hand   C1,683   C2,684   C14,294   C2,364,212   C2,364,212   C2,364,212   C2,364,212   C2,364,212   C2,21,885     Debt:   Hire purchase   C5,686   5,686   - C2,221,885   C2,221,885     Debt:   Hire purchase   C4,96,635   C3,974,282   C2,211,885   C2,907,226   C2,410,594   C3,409,544   C3,409,544   C3,409,544   C3,907,226   C3,410,594   C3,409,544   C3,409,544   C3,409,544   C3,907,226   C3,410,594   C3,409,544   C3,409,54		Interest element of hire purchase payments			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets  Net cash outflow for capital expenditure    (224,982) (233,285)		Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing	of finance		(843,624)
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Amount withdrawn by directors  Net cash outflow from financing  3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT  At 1.1.08  Cash flow 31.12.08  £ £ £ £  Net cash: Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft  Debt: Hire purchase Debts falling due within one year Debts falling due after one year  (2,907,223)  (1,402,624) (1,23,296) (123,296)  At 1.1.08 Cash flow 31.12.08 £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £ £					
3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT  At 1.1.08					
3. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT  At 1.1.08		Net cash outflow from financing		(402,761)	(121,994)
Net cash:       Cash flow £       At 1.1.08 £       Cash flow £       31.12.08 £         Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft       1,683 140,644 142,327 (714,926) (2,364,212)       14,649,286) (714,926) (2,364,212)         Debt:       (1,647,603) (574,282) (2,221,885)         Debts falling due within one year Debts falling due within one year (496,635) 3 (496,632)       3 (496,632)         Debts falling due after one year       (2,907,223) 496,629 (2,410,594)         (3,409,544) 502,318 (2,907,226)		•			
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Net cash:       Cash at bank and in hand       1,683       140,644       142,327         Bank overdraft       (1,649,286)       (714,926)       (2,364,212)         (1,647,603)       (574,282)       (2,221,885)         Debt:         Hire purchase       (5,686)       5,686       -         Debts falling due within one year       (496,635)       3       (496,632)         Debts falling due after one year       (2,907,223)       496,629       (2,410,594)         (3,409,544)       502,318       (2,907,226)					31.12.08
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(3,409,544) 502,318 (2,907,226)		Debts falling due		406 620	
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Total (5,057,147) (71,964) (5,129,111)			(3,409,544)	502,318	(2,907,226)
		Total	(5,057,147)	(71,964)	(5,129,111)

## **Notes to the Financial Statements** for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES** 1.

### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

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

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2003, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of five years.

#### Tangible fixed assets

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 property

- 2.5% on cost

Plant and machinery Fixtures and fittings

- Between 20% - 33% on cost

- Between 10% - 20% on cost

Motor vehicles

- Between 20% - 33% on cost

#### **Stocks**

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

Consignment vehicles which bear interest are regarded effectively as being under the control of the company and, in accordance with FRS 5, are included within stocks on the balance sheet, although legal title has not passed to the company. The corresponding liability is included as new vehicle funding and is secured directly on these vehicles.

### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date, where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future, have accrued at the balance sheet date.

Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in period different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued, unless by the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements.

Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

## Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts 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 account over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating lease contracts are expensed to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

# 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate.

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2.	STAFF COSTS	31.12.08	31.12.07
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	3,271,167	3,584,682
	Social security costs Other pension costs	394,991 26,278	356,984 27,199
	Carlot political design		-
		3,692,436	3,968,865
	The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:	31.12.08	31.12.07
		31.12.00	31.12.07
	Production	61	62
	Selling and distribution  Management and administration	70 47	69 53
		<u> 178</u>	184 
3.	OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		
	The operating loss (2007 - operating profit) is stated after charging/(crediting):		
		31.12.08	31.12.07
		£	£
	Depreciation - owned assets	231,792	245,044
	Depreciation - assets on hire purchase contracts Profit on disposal of fixed assets	(11,383)	21,500 (4,061)
	Goodwill amortisation	80,087	137,267
	Auditors' remuneration	27,230	<u>26,800</u>
	Directors' emoluments Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	235,606 10,000	288,000
	brickers perision contributions to money parentage seriences	====	
	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was as follow	ne.	
		· G.	
	Money purchase schemes	2	2
	Information regarding the highest paid director is as follows:	24 42 00	31.12.07
		31.12.08 £	£ 51.12.07
	Emoluments etc	117,942	144,000
	Pension contributions to money purchase schemes	5,000	<del>-</del>
4.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	31.12.08	31.12.07
		£	£
	Bank interest Other interest payable and	316,949	359,597
	similar charges	421,022	481,745
	Hire purchase T		2,282
		737,971	843,624

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

# 5. TAXATION

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Analysis of the tax (credit)/charge		
The tax (credit)/charge on the loss on ordinary activities for the year was	s as follows: 31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
Current tax:	~	_
UK corporation tax Overprovision in prior year	(2,728)	685 -
Underprovision in prior year	<u> </u>	26,333
Total current tax	(2,728)	27,018
Deferred tax	<u>(73,915)</u>	23,341
Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities	(76,643)	50,359
Factors affecting the tax (credit)/charge The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corp explained below:	poration tax in the UK. Th	ne difference is
	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	(988,047)	27,636 
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 0% (2007 - 19.750%)	-	5,458
Effects of:		
Capital allowances for the year in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	- -	(14,338) 9,565
Underprovision in prior year Overprovision in prior year	(2,728)	26,333
Current tax (credit)/charge	(2,728)	27,018
DIVIDENDS		
	31.12.08	31.12.07
Ordinary shares of £1 each	£	£
Interim	125,000	
INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		Goodwill £
COST At 1 January 2008		
and 31 December 2008		686,351
AMORTISATION At 1 January 2008 Amortisation for year		606,264 80,087
At 31 December 2008		686,351
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008		-
At 31 December 2007		80,087
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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

## 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Valuation in 2007

Cost

			Fixtures		
	Freehold property F	Plant and machinery £	and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION	-	~	~	-	-
At 1 January 2008	7,294,781	1.231.168	568,245	528,632	9,622,826
Additions	19,741	102,099	5,174	144,487	271,501
Disposals	-	(13,660)	(1,970)	(64,266)	(79,896)
Revaluations	1,295,219				1,295,219
At 31 December 2008	8,609,741	1,319,607	571,449	608,853	11,109,650
DEPRECIATION					<del></del>
At 1 January 2008	512,266	1,075,677	337,046	254,946	2,179,935
Charge for year	-	79,573	52,059	100,160	231,792
Eliminated on disposal	-	(4,871)	(1,971)	(37,918)	(44,760)
Revaluation adjustments	(512,266)	<del>-</del> -	<u> </u>	-	(512,266)
At 31 December 2008		1,150,379	387,134	317,188	1,854,701
NET BOOK VALUE				<del></del>	
At 31 December 2008	8,609,741	169,228	184,315	291,665	9,254,949
At 31 December 2007	6,782,515	155,491	231,199	273,686	7,442,891
Cost or valuation at 31 Dece	ember 2008 is repre	esented by:			
	•	•			
			Fixtures		
	Freehold	Plant and	and	Motor	
	property	machinery	fittings	vehicles	Totals
Malaration in 4007	£ 4.750,000	£	£	£	£
Valuation in 1997	1,750,000	-	-	-	1,750,000

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

1,319,607

1,319,607

571,449

571,449

6,840,000

8,609,741

19,741

	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
Cost	6,687,100	6,667,359
Aggregate depreciation	818,695	677,945

Freehold land and buildings were valued on an open market basis on 7 November 2007 by Aitchison Raffety.

6,840,000

2,519,650

11,109,650

608,853

608,853

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

# 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

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Fixed assets, included in the above, which are held under hire purchase contracts are as	s follows: Motor vehicles £
COST OR VALUATION At 1 January 2008 Transfer to ownership	76,125 (76,125)
At 31 December 2008	<del>-</del>
DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2008 Transfer to ownership	48,460 (48,460)
At 31 December 2008	<del>-</del>
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008	•
At 31 December 2007	27,665
FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	Shares in group undertakings £
COST At 1 January 2008 and 31 December 2008	1
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2008	1
At 31 December 2007	1
The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies	include the following:
Pilling (Luton) Limited Nature of business: Dormant %	
Class of shares: holding Ordinary 100.00	
	12.08 31.12.07 £ £
Aggregate capital and reserves (57	7,800) (57,800)
The subsidiary company is dormant and therefore group accounts have not been prepar	red

The subsidiary company is dormant and therefore group accounts have not been prepared.

These financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

10.	STOCKS		
		31.12.08	31.12.07
		£	£
	Stocks	7,703,023	9,113,931
	Parts and WIP	314,991	367,767
	Consignment stock	365,792	495,735
		8,383,806	9,977,433

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# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

11.	DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.08 £	31.12.07
	Trade debtors	436,656	£ 530,049
	Other debtors	127,336	191,156
	VAT debtor	-	231,666
	Related party loan	396,794	684,057
	Tax Prepayments and accrued income	- 314,124	55,547 398,995
	Prepayments and accided income		390,993
		1,274,910	2,091,470
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.08	31.12.07
	Pank loops and avardrate (see note 14)	£ 2,806,844	£ 2,091,921
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 14) Other loans (see note 14)	54,000	54,000
	Hire purchase contracts (see note 15)	34,000	5,686
	Trade creditors	9,499,237	10,887,312
	Social security and other taxes	436,931	371,041
	New vehicle funding	365,792	495,735
	Other creditors	117,910	155,909
	Directors' current accounts	101,030	1,473
	Accruals and deferred income	351,365	408,141
		13,733,109	14,471,218
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
		31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
	Bank loans (see note 14)	2,410,594	2,853,223
	Other loans (see note 14)	, , , <u>-</u>	54,000
		2,410,594	2,907,223
		=======================================	
14.	LOANS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
	,		
		31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
	Amounto folling due within and year or an demand:	I.	Z.
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand: Bank overdrafts	2,364,212	1,649,286
	Bank loans	442,632	442,635
	Other loans	54,000	54,000
	Other loans	<del></del>	
		2,860,844	2,145,921
	Amounts falling due between one and two years:		
	Bank loans	442,632	442,635
	Other loans	- 12,002	54,000
		442,632	496,635
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
	Bank loans	1,172,164	1,327,904
	Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
	·		
	Repayable by instalments		
	Bank loans	795,798	1,082,684

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

### 14. LOANS - continued

The bank loans are repayable in equal monthly instalments ending in November 2013 and November 2021 respectively. Interest is charged on the loans at the rate of 1.5% and 1.875% respectively above the National Westminster Bank Plc base rate.

15	<b>OBLIGATIONS UNDE</b>	R HIRE PURCHASE	CONTRACTS AN	DIFASES
10.	ODLIGATIONS UNDE	N DINE PUNCHAJE	CUNTRACIS AN	D LEAGES

	Hi purcl contr	hase
	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
Net obligations repayable: Within one year	<u>-</u>	5,686

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year:

		l and lings	oper	her ating ses
F	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
Expiring: Within one year Between one and five years In more than five years	25,000 283,436	53,000 - 257,000	9,600 - -	- - -
	308,436	310,000	9,600	

## 16. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
Bank overdrafts	2,364,212	1,649,286
Bank loans	2,853,226	3,295,858
Vehicle funding	8,951,813	10,398,322
	14,169,251	15,343,466
	<del></del>	

Stocking finance is secured by a floating charge over all vehicle stocks and by a fixed and floating charge over all property and assets of the company.

Bank loans and overdrafts are secured by a fixed and floating charge over all of the assets of the company, by guarantees given by Pilling (Coachbuilders) Limited, and against directors' life insurance policies.

The company has a £200,000 guarantee bond in favour of Volkswagen Financial Services Limited in relation to vehicle stocking finance for Skoda vehicles.

Volvo car finance has a secondary legal charge over all the assets of the company.

## 17. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31.12.08	31.12.07
	£	£
Deferred tax	-	73,915
	<del></del>	

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

## 17. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES - continued

	Deferred
	tax £
Balance at 1 January 2008 Decrease in provision	73,915 (73,915)
Balance at 31 December 2008	

The deferred tax provision consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:-

	31.12	2.08	31.12	2.07
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£	£	£	£
Excess of taxation allowances over				
depreciation on fixed assets	145,141	-	160,794	-
Trading losses carried forward	(145,141)	-	(86,879)	-
Other timing differences		180,000	<del>-</del>	180,000
	-	180,000	73,915	180,000

In the opinion of the directors it is unlikely that the property will be disposed of in the foreseeable future, therefore deferred tax has not been provided on the revaluation and is shown above as unprovided.

## 18. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	Authorised: Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £
	500,000	Ordinary	£1	500,000	500,000
	Allotted and is:	sued:			
	Number:	Class:	Nominal	31.12.08	31.12.07
	250,000	Ordinary	value: £1	£ 250,000	£ 250,000
	200,000		<u> </u>	=====	====
19.	RESERVES				
10.	KEGEKVEG		Profit		
			and loss	Revaluation	
			account	reserve	Totals
			£	£	£
	At 1 January 2	008	1,263,787	627,422	1,891,209
	Deficit for the y	/ear	(911,404)		(911,404)
	Dividends		(125,000)		(125,000)
	Revaluation du	ıring year		1,807,485	1,807,485
	At 31 December	er 2008	227,383	2,434,907	2,662,290

## 20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has given unlimited guarantees to the bankers of Pilling (Coachbuilders) Limited covering any liabilities due to the bank. In the opinion of the directors at 31 December 2008 the potential liability was £Nil (2007 £Nil).

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 December 2008

# 21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the company had the following transactions with Pilling (Coachbuilders) Limited, a company in which K J Pilling and C G Pilling are both directors and shareholders. The trade has been carried out under usual commercial terms (unless otherwise stated), as follows:-

Pilling (Coachbuilders) Limited	31.12.08	31.12.07
	£	£
Sales	255,420	289,182
Purchases	118,865	157,530

## 22. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

K J Pilling is this company's ultimate controlling related party by virtue of his majority shareholding.

## 23. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	31.12.08 £	31.12.07 £.
Loss for the financial year Dividends	(911,404) (125,000)	(22,723)
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the year (net)	(1,036,404)	(22,723)
	1,807,485	
Net addition/(reduction) to shareholders' funds	771,081	(22,723)
Opening shareholders' funds	2,141,209	2,163,932
Closing shareholders' funds	2,912,290	2,141,209