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DIRECTORS AND ADVISERS

DIRECTORS

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2008

The directors present their report on the affairs of the company, together with the audited financial statements and auditors' report, for the year ended 31 March 2008

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES, BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Until March 2008, the principal activity of the company continued to be the purchase and sale of electrical storage batteries and associated products

During the period of trading the company distributed motive power products, network power products and transportation batteries through in-house sales and service organisations. Motive power and network power products are sold to a wide range of customers, mainly in the UK, ranging from large industrial customers and retail distributors to small warehouse and manufacturing operations. Transportation batteries are sold to a wide range of customers, mainly in the UK, including battery specialists and replacement part stores, (which could be independent or represented by purchasing groups)

The directors monitor progress of the company by reference to a balanced scorecard approach but in particular two key performance indicators, being turnover and gross profit, are closely monitored. These items are set out in the profit and loss account on page 6

In March 2008, the company declared and paid a dividend of £6,000,000 (2007 - £nil) to CMP Batteries Limited

During March 2008, the company ceased trading and transferred its customers' orders to CMP Batteries Limited, its immediate parent company, and to Exide Technologies (Transportation) Limited, a fellow group undertaking

It is planned that the company will be liquidated during the next financial year. On 1 June 2008, the company transferred its remaining employees to CMP Batteries Limited. At the same date, the defined benefit pension scheme was merged with CMP Batteries Pension Scheme. It is planned that after the collection of the remaining accounts receivable, the company will begin the member's voluntary liquidation process.

The directors consider that the company is subject to general risks and uncertainties experienced in the normal course of business. In addition, the directors report that the company has the following risks and uncertainties, as follows

- Price risk the company has experienced significant increases in raw material prices, particularly lead, and further changes in raw material prices could have a material adverse impact on the company
- Liquidity risk the liquidity of the company is affected by the seasonality of its business. Warm winters and cool summers adversely affect the company. The company is dependent upon the ultimate parent company for its funding. Accordingly interest rate and cash flow risks are managed centrally by group treasury, details of which are set out in the ultimate parent company's financial statements. The substantial indebtedness of the group could adversely affect the financial condition of the company. The liquidity position of the company remains constrained. If the company fails to meet its operations objectives and the shortfall is not replaced through other means, the lack of liquidity would have a material adverse impact on the company.
- Exchange rate risk the company is subject to exchange rate risks, as it has an inter-company loan
 denominated in euro. In general, exchange rate risk is managed centrally by group treasury.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2008(continued)

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES, BUSINESS REVIEW AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS (CONTINUED)

 Credit risk the company has implemented appropriate credit checks on potential customers before sales are made. The amount of exposure to any individual counterparty is subject to a limit, which is assessed by the directors. The directors receive regular reports on amounts due and overdue and the relevant action taken.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

Turnover decreased by £2,220,000 to £2,547,000 and profit on ordinary activities after tax was £2,706,000 (2007 - £732,000)

The directors declared and paid a dividend of £1 71(rounded) (2007 - £nil) per £1 ordinary share. The aggregate dividends on ordinary shares recognised as an expense during the year amounts to £6,000,000 (2007 - £nil). Consequently from the profit for the financial year of £2,706,000 (2007 - £732,000), an amount of £3,294,000 has been deducted from reserves.

DIRECTORS

The Board of directors at the date of this report is listed on page 1

Mr B Bechtold was appointed as a director on 10 May 2007

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual 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 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments 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 confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements. The considerations in relation to the going concern basis are described in note 1 to the financial statements.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

for the year ended 31 March 2008(continued)

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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 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 OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

For all persons who are directors at the time of the approval of the annual report confirm that

- a) so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- b) each director has taken all the steps necessary 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

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITY

Following shareholder approval in May 2004, the ultimate parent company has arranged liability cover for directors and officers of the company, which is a qualifying indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 1985

AUDITORS

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment will be proposed at the next annual general meeting

P O Box 1 Salford Road Over Hulton Bolton BL5 1DD

27 June 2008

By order of the Board

I Wilding, Secretary

Secretary

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

to the members of Deta UK Limited:

We have audited the financial statements of Deta UK Limited for the year ended 31 March 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet, the statement of accounting policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

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 in the statement of directors' responsibilities included in the directors' report

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

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 judgments 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 March 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

PricewaterhouseCoopers LKA

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Manchester 27 June 2008

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008 £'000	2007 £′000
TURNOVER	2	2,547	4,767
Cost of sales		(2,003)	(4,069)
GROSS PROFIT		544	698
Net operating expenses	3	(331)	(668)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION		213	30
Interest receivable and similar income	4	3,730	1,324
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(27)	(284)
Other finance costs	20	(22)	(29)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	6	3,894	1,041
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(1,188)	(309)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	16, 17	2,706	732
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All results derive from continuing operations

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before and after taxation stated above, and their historical cost equivalents

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

for the year ended 31 March 2008

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Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		2,849	910
Movement on deferred tax asset relating to pension liability	14, 20	(72)	(76)
Actuarial gain on pension scheme	20	215	254
Profit for the financial year		2,706	732
	Notes	2008 £′000	2007 £'000

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement of total recognised gains and losses

BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 March 2008

	Notes	2008	2007
		£'000	£'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	11	-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	11,015	15,001
Cash at bank and in hand		24	33
		11,039	15,034
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	(3,159)	(3,815)
			
NET CURRENT ASSETS		7,880	11,219
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		7,880	11,219
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	14	(45)	(78)
NET ASSETS EXCLUDING PENSION DEFICIT		7,835	11,141
Net pension deficit	20	(141)	(296)
NET ASSETS INCLUDING PENSION DEFICIT		7,694	10,845
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up share capital	15	3,500	3,500
Profit and loss reserve	16	4,194	7,345
TOTAL CHAREHOLDERS EDIDS	10	7,694	10.045
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17	7,094	10,845

Approved by the Board on 27 June 2008 and signed on its behalf by

B Bechtold Directo

The accompanying statement of accounting policies and notes on pages 9 to 21 form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting

These financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year are set out below.

Cash flow statement

The company is exempt under FRS 1 (Cash flow statement (Revised 1996)) from producing a cash flow statement as it is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Exide Technologies, incorporated in the State of Delaware, USA, which has prepared consolidated accounts which are publicly available and which include the accounts of the company for the year

Related party transactions

As a subsidiary undertaking of Exide Technologies, the company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 (Related party disclosures) not to disclose transactions with other members of the group headed by Exide Technologies, under the same exemption criteria as set out for the cash flow statement

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historic purchase cost less accumulated depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on the straight line method so to write down the cost of all fixed assets to residual values over their expected useful lives The annual rates applicable are

Light plant and equipment : 10% Heavy plant and equipment 20% Fixtures and fittings : 10%

Taxation

UK corporation tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date

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 occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is more likely than not that they will be recovered.

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 substantially enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Pension costs

The company operates a pension arrangement providing benefits based on final pensionable pay and also operates separate money purchase arrangements for certain staff

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. The pension liability recognised in the balance sheet is the value of the scheme's assets less the present value of the scheme's liabilities.

The pension cost for the scheme is analysed between current service cost, past service cost and net return on pension scheme. Current service cost is the actuarially calculated present value of the benefits earned by the active employees in each period. Past service costs, relating to employee service in prior periods arising in the current period as a result of the introduction of, or improvement to, retirement benefits, are recognised in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period in which the increase in benefits vest.

Net expected return on the pension asset comprises the expected return on the pension scheme assets less interest on scheme liabilities to be recognised in finance costs. The actuarial gains and losses which arise from a valuation and from updating the latest actuarial valuation to reflect conditions at the balance sheet date are taken to the statement of total recognised gains and losses for the period. The attributable deferred taxation is shown separately in the statement of total recognised gains and losses. The pension liability is shown on the balance sheet net of the related deferred taxation asset.

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme, the assets of which are held separately from those of the company in independently administered funds. Contributions to the money purchase scheme are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Any gain or loss arising from a change in exchange rates subsequent to the date of the transaction is included as an exchange gain or loss in the profit and loss account.

Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services, net of trade discounts and VAT, provided in the normal course of business, and is recognised on despatch

Leased assets

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events and it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount can be made

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008

1 PARENT COMPANY SUPPORT

The company has received confirmation from its parent that the parent company, Exide Technologies, will continue to provide financial support and will not seek repayment of the inter-company loans and balances for at least one year from the date of signing of these financial statements

Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis

2 TURNOVER

All turnover arises from the activities of the sale of electrical storage batteries and associated products

	Geographical analysis	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
	United Kingdom Europe	2,490 57	4,635 132
		2,547 =====	4,767 =====
3	NET OPERATING EXPENSES		
		2008 £′000	2007 £'000
	Distribution costs Administrative expenses	58 273	149 519
		331	668
4	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
		2008 £′000	2007 £'000
	Interest on loans to group undertakings Gain on inter-company loans held in foreign currency Bank interest	1,421 2,308 1	1,323 - 1
		3,730	1,324

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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5 INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

	2008 £′000	2007 £'000
Interest on loans from group undertakings Loss on inter-company loans held in foreign currency	27	58 226
	27	284

6. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging

	2008 £′000	2007 £'000
Operating lease rentals – other	22	24
Services provided by the auditor - fees payable for the audit	12	12
• • •	=====	=====

7 STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) was

	2008	2007
	Number	Number
Sales and commercial	5	10
	====	====
Their aggregate remuneration comprised		
	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	149	242
Social security costs	16	27
Pension costs (note 20)	19	58
		
	184	327
		====

8 DIRECTORS

The directors received no remuneration from the company in respect of their services to the company. The emoluments of J M. Campbell were paid by Exide Technologies, which makes no recharge to the company. The emoluments of B. Bechtold were paid by Deutsche Exide GmbH, which makes no recharge to the company. It is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of these emoluments in respect of each of the subsidiaries. Accordingly, these financial statements include no emoluments in respect of the directors.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

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a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities The toy of area to be and on the profit for the year and comprises		
The tax charge is based on the profit for the year and comprises	2008	2007
	£′000	£'000
	2000	
Current tax Amount payable to a fellow group undertaking in respect of tax saved	1,161	329
by group relief Adjustment in respect of group relief payments for prior years	(6)	23
Adjustment in respect of group rener payments for prior years		
	1,155	352
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	33	(43)
0		
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,188	309
•	====	====
The tax assessed for the year is lower (2007 - higher) than the standard ra UK (30%) The differences are explained below	ite of corporatio	on tax in the
b) Factors affecting tax charge for the current year		
	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,894	1,041 =====
Effect of	1 160	312
Tax thereon at standard rate in UK of 30% (2007 - 30%)	1,168 1	2
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	=	(3)
Movement in short term timing differences	(5)	18
Pension contributions and other timing differences	(3)	23
Adjustment in respect of group relief payments for prior years	(6)	25
		
Current tax charge for the period	1,155	352
Ç .	====	====
c) Factors that may affect the future tax charge		
The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK changes to 28% with effect	t from 1 April 20	008
The standard rate of corporation and in the ordering-standard	•	
DATABLE OF TOTAL CITY OF THE		
DIVIDENDS PAID ON EQUITY SHARES		
	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Final dividend paid of £1 71 (rounded) (2007 - £nil) per equity share	6,000	-
rmai dividend paid of £1 / 1 (todilded) (2007 - £111) per equity state	=====	=

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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11 TANGIBLE ASSETS

COST At 1 April 2007 5 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008 - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2007 5 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008 - NET BOOK VALUE		Equipment
At 1 April 2007 5 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2007 5 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008		£′000
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At 31 March 2008 ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION At 1 April 2007 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008	At 1 April 2007	5
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At 1 April 2007 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008		====
At 1 April 2007 Disposals (5) At 31 March 2008	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	
At 31 March 2008	At 1 April 2007	5
##===	Disposals	(5)
##===		
	At 31 March 2008	-
NET BOOK VALUE		2222
	NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2007 and 31 March 2008	At 31 March 2007 and 31 March 2008	-

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

12 DEBTORS

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade debtors	184	1,021
Amounts owed by group undertakings	230	262
Loans owed by group undertakings	10,316	13,399
Other debtors	-	1
Deferred tax asset	285	318
	11,015	15,001
	#=====	======

Amounts owed by group undertakings are not interest bearing in the normal course of business, are unsecured and fall due for repayment within one year Loans owed by group companies are interest bearing at a variable market rate, are unsecured and fall due for repayment within one year

Deferred taxation assets provided for in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows

	Provided		Not provided	
	2008	2007	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000	£′000	£′000
Fixed asset timing differences	(270)	(289)	-	-
Other	`(15)	(29)	-	-
	(2.27)	(010)		
	(285) =====	(318) =====	-	=====
Movement in deferred tax asset				£′000
At 1 April 2007				(318)
•				33
Deferred tax charge in profit and loss	account (note 9)			55
				(285)
At 31 March 2008				(203)
Deferred tax asset relating to pension	scheme			****
5 .				£′000
At 1 April 2007				(127)
Deferred tax charged in statement of	total recognised g	gains and losses		72
2	•	-		
At 31 March 2008				(55)
THE OT HAMAN BOOK				=====

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

13 CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	44	146
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,067	3,588
Taxation and social security	31	39
Other creditors	8	2
Accruals and deferred income	9	40
	3,159	3,815
	=====	=====

Amounts owed to group undertakings are not interest bearing in the normal course of business, are unsecured and fall due for repayment within one year

14 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

The movement in provisions in the year was as follows

	Onerous Leases £'000
At 1 April 2007	78
Utilisation of the provision during the year	(5)
Released to the profit and loss account during the year	(28)
At 31 March 2008	45

The onerous lease provision includes the possible dilapidation costs of a property surplus to requirements It is anticipated that the provision will be utilised over a period of up to one year

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

15	CALLED-UP SHARE CAPITAL	2008 £'000	2007 £'000
	Authorised, allotted, called-up and fully paid 3,500,000 (2007 - 3,500,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	3,500 ======	3,500 =====
16	PROFIT AND LOSS RESERVE		
			£'000
	At 1 April 2007		7,345
	Profit for the year		2,706
	Dividends paid on equity shares		(6,000)
	Actuarial gain on pension scheme (note 20)		215
	Movement on deferred tax asset relating to pension liability (note 20)		(72)
	A. 04.14 . 1.0000		4,194
	At 31 March 2008		=====
	Pension deficit		141
	Profit and loss reserve excluding pension deficit		4,335
17	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN TOTAL SHAREHO	OLDERS' FUN	IDS
		2008	2007
		£'000	£'000
	Profit for the financial year	2,706	732
	Dividends	(6,000)	-
	Actuarial gain on pension scheme (note 20)	215	254
	Movement on deferred tax asset relating to pension liability (note 20)	(72)	(76)
	Net (decrease) / increase in shareholders' funds	(3,151)	910
	Opening shareholders' funds	10,845	9,935
	Closing shareholders' funds	7,694	10,845
		=====	=====

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

18 OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At the end of the year there were annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	2008		2007	
	Land and		Land and	
	buildings £'000	Other £'000	buildings £'000	Other £'000
Leases which expire				
After 5 years	-	-	55	-
		====	====	====

19. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has cross-guaranteed bank loans of other group undertakings contained within the group facility

The total amount guaranteed at 31 March 2008 was US\$ 600,000,000 (2007 - US\$ 600,000,000)

20. PENSIONS

a) The company continues to operate the DJ Distribution Limited Retirement Benefit Scheme for certain of its employees. This is a defined benefit scheme, and the pension costs relating to the scheme are assessed in accordance with the advice of qualified independent actuaries using the attained age method. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in a trustee administered fund. Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives with the company. The scheme is subject to full actuarial valuations at intervals of not more than three years.

b) FRS17 Retirement benefits

Composition of the scheme

An actuarial valuation using the projected unit method was carried out at 31 March 2007 and updated at 31 March 2008 by an independent qualified actuary, Jonathan Foot of Norwich Union Plc The major assumptions used by the actuary for the purpose of FRS 17 were

	2008	2007	2006
	%	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	5 10	4 80	3 50
Rate of increase in pensions in payment	3 60	3 30	3 00
Discount rate	6 70	5 40	5 00
Inflation assumption	3 60	3 30	3 00

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for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

20. PENSIONS (continued)

The assets in the scheme and the expected rate of return were

	Long	term rate of	return	Va	alue at 31 Ma	rch
	2008 %	2007 %	2006 %	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Unitised with profits fund	5 75	5 50	5 7 5	640	621	647
Net current assets	4 50	4 50	4 50	4	4	4
Total market value of assets				644	625	651
				====	====	=====
The following amounts were n	neasured in	accordance	with FRS17			
				2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Total market value of assets				644	625	651
Present value of scheme liabili	ties			(840)	(1,048)	(1,266)
Deficit in the fund				(196)	(423)	(615)
Related deferred tax asset				55	127	185
Net pension deficit				(141)	(296)	(430)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 March 2008 (continued)

PENSIONS (continued) 20.

Analysis of the amount charged to operating profit			
	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Current service cost	18	16	16
Past service costs	-	38	-
Charge to operating profit	18	54 =====	16 == ==
Analysis of the amount charged to financing cost			
	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Interest cost on pension scheme liabilities	55	65	55
Expected return on pension scheme assets	(33)	(36)	(33)
Charge to financing cost	22	29	22
Analysis of amount recognised in statement of total recognised gains an	d losses (S	TRGL)	
	2008 £'000	2007 £'000	2006 £'000
Actual return less expected return on pension scheme assets	18	(8)	59
Experience gains and losses arising on the scheme liabilities	15	285	(146)
Changes in the assumptions underlying the present value of the scheme liabilities	182	(23)	(71)
Actuarial gain / (loss) recognised in STRGL	215	254	(158)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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20 PENSIONS (continued)

The movements in the pensions deficit during the year with the implementation of FRS17 are as follows

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b) The company also operates a defined contribution scheme

The pension cost charged for the year was £1,000 (2007 - £4,000)

The amount payable as at 31 March 2008 was £nil (2007 - £1,000)

21. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

Exide Technologies, incorporated in the State of Delaware, USA, is the parent company of the largest group of companies for which group accounts are drawn up of which the company is a member and is the company's ultimate holding company and ultimate controlling party. Copies of the group accounts, which are available in English, can be obtained from the company's registered office as shown on page 1.