# SABREWATCH LIMITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1999

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

**COMPANY NUMBER** 

1804778

**DIRECTORS** 

L Lucas Esq
M Ollerton Esq
M Steers Esq
Sir John Smith
Lady Greenbury

Lord Rayner

- Managing director

- Finance director resigned 9 July 1999

 Operations director
 Non-executive director
 Non-executive director appointed 1 March 1999
 Deceased 26 June 1998

**SECRETARY** 

M Ollerton Esq

REGISTERED OFFICE

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**AUDITORS** 

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**BANKERS** 

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**SOLICITORS** 

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the group, together with the accounts and auditors' report for the year ended 31 March 1999.

#### Directors' responsibilities

Company Law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing those accounts, 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 accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the group will
  continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and group and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Principal activity

The principal activity of the group continues to be the provision of security services.

## **Business review**

The directors report a satisfactory year.

#### Results and dividends

The audited accounts for the year ended 31 March 1999 are set out on pages 5 to 21. The group profit for the year, after taxation, was £2,029,744 (1998:£2,186,044).

An interim dividend amounting to £105.86 (1998:£111.43) per ordinary share was paid. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (1998: £nil).

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### Directors and their interests

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the ordinary shares of the company as recorded in the register of directors' interests were as follows:

	31 March	31 March
	1999	1998
Lord Rayner (deceased 26 June 1998)	-	-
L Lucas Esq	11,312	11,312
M Ollerton Esq (resigned 9 July 1999)	2,828	2,828
M Steers Esq	744	-
Sir John Smith	-	-
Lady Greenbury (appointed 1 March 1999)	-	-

On 1 April 1998 M Steers Esq exercised his share option, details of which are shown in note 17 to the accounts.

#### Year 2000

The potential impact on the group of the Year 2000 problem is considered to be minimal. The group is nearing completion of its own compliance work and no major problems are anticipated with suppliers and customers. The total costs for the group of addressing the Year 2000 are not considered to be material.

#### Charitable and political contributions

During the year the company made charitable contributions of £3,017. No political contributions were made.

#### Disabled employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the group continues and that appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the group that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

#### **Employee consultation**

The group places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them.

#### **Auditors**

The company has elected to dispense with the annual appointment of auditors. In the absence of a specific resolution to the contrary, Filer Knapper will continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 9th Angust 1999

M Steers Esq Director

#### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### To the shareholders of Sabrewatch Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 21 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of property and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 11 and 12.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the 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 error or other irregularity. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 31 March 1999 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

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Filer Knapper Registered Auditors Chartered Accountants

16 August 1999

#### CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

	Note	1999	1998
		£	£
Turnover	2	33,676,404	30,268,814
Cost of sales	3	(27,296,675)	(24,052,206)
Gross profit	3	6,379,729	6,216,608
Administrative expenses	3	(3,241,923)	(2,132,827)
Other operating income	3	35,000	27,448
Operating profit		3,172,806	4,111,229
Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets		-	(451,350)
Investment income Interest payable	4 5	20,789 (163,788)	111 (176,787)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	6	3,029,807	3,483,203
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	(1,000,063)	(1,297,159)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		2,029,744	2,186,044
Dividends	10	(1,575,660)	(1,575,660)
Retained profit for the year		454,084	610,384

There were no acquisitions during either year and no discontinued activities during the last financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this consolidated profit and loss account.

Movements in reserves are shown in the notes to the financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

	1999 £	1998 £
Profit for the financial year	2,029,744	2,186,044
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	-	361,516
(Loss)/Profit on foreign currency translation	(2,978)	31,468
Total recognised gains relating to the year	2,026,766	2,579,028

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses.

## **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

#### as at 31 March 1999

h	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Fixed assets		£	£
Tangible assets	11	3,709,422	4,278,266
Current assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	5,385,805 2,311,653	5,399,367 1,826,244
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	7,697,458 (5,246,747)	7,225,611 (3,986,275)
Net current assets		2,450,711	3,239,336
Total assets less current liabilities		6,160,133	7,517,602
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(1,752,555)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	16	(45,000)	(200,000)
Net assets		6,115,133	5,565,047
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Share premium reserve Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	17 18 18 18	14,884 98,236 361,516 5,640,497	14,140 - 361,516 5,189,391
Equity shareholders' funds	19	6,115,133	5,565,047

The accounts on pages 5 to 21 were approved by the Board of Directors on 9-8-99

L Lucas Esq Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this consolidated balance sheet.

## **COMPANY BALANCE SHEET**

#### as at 31 March 1999

	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Fixed assets		2	<b>L</b>
Tangible assets Investments	11 12	3,709,422 100	4,278,266 100
		3,709,522	4,278,366
Current assets			
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	13	5,570,635 1,774,013	5,315,175 1,544,384
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	7,344,648 (5,101,615)	6,859,559 (3,707,525)
Net current assets		2,243,033	3,152,034
Total assets less current liabilities		5,952,555	7,430,400
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	ı <b>r</b> 15	-	(1,752,555)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	16	(45,000)	(200,000)
Net assets		5,907,555	5,477,845
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Share premium reserve	17 18	14,884 98,236	14,140
Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	18 18	361,516 5,432,919	361,516 5,102,189
Equity shareholders' funds		5,907,555	5,477,845

The accounts on pages 5 to 21 were approved by the Board of Directors on 9-8-99

L Lucas Esq Director

The accompanying notes form an integral part of this balance sheet.

## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

		Note	1999 £	1998 £
Reconciliation of operating p	rofit to operating	cash flows		
Operating profit Depreciation charges Profit on sale of tangible fixed a Decrease/(increase) in debtors Increase in creditors (Decrease)/increase in provision Exchange differences			3,172,806 977,020 (399) 13,562 182,048	4,111,229 252,684 (600) (345,343) 57,866 (72,607) 71,098
Net cash inflow from operation	ng activities		4,345,037	4,074,327 —————
Net cash flow from operating Continuing operating activities Discontinuing activities	activities compris	ses;	4,345,037 -	4,007,736 66,591
			4,345,037	4,074,327
CASH FLOW STATEMENT				
Net cash inflow from operating Returns on investments and se Taxation Capital expenditure and financi Equity dividends paid	rvicing of finance	20 20 20	4,345,037 (142,999) (1,266,640) (407,778) (1,575,660)	4,074,327 (174,121) (1,090,829) 104,760 (1,575,660)
Cash inflow before financing			951,960	1,338,477
Financing		20	(463,575)	(133,544)
Increase in cash in year			488,385	1,204,933
ANALYSIS AND RECONCILIA	ATION OF NET DE	вт		
	1 April 1998 £	Cash Flow £	Exchange movement £	31 March 1999 £
Cash at bank and in hand	1,826,244	488,385	(2,978)	2,311,651
Debt due within one year	(1,752,555)	562,555	<u>-</u>	(1,190,000)
Net debt	73,689	1,050,940	(2,978)	1,121,651

# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (CONTINUED)

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

	1999 £	1998 £
Increase in cash in the year	488,385	1,204,933
Cash outflow from decrease in debt financing	562,555	130,989
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	1,050,940	1,335,922
Translation difference	(2,978)	(40,447)
Movement in net debt in year	1,047,962	1,295,475
Net debt at 31 March 1998	73,689	(1,221,786)
Net funds/(debt) at 31 March 1999	1,121,651	73,689

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 1 Statement of accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout both the current and the preceding year.

#### **Basis of accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Sabrewatch Limited and its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 March each year. The results of subsidiaries acquired, sold or ceased trading are consolidated for the periods from or to the date on which control passed.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and provision for permanent diminution in value. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, or valuation less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:-

Computer equipment
Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings
Motor vehicles

33% on straight line

50% on straight line basis & 15% on reducing balance

25% on reducing balance

The useful economic lives of certain plant and machinery and fixtures and fitting assets were revised during the year. These assets are being written off over the remaining two years of their useful economic lives. This has resulted in an additional depreciation of £443,933 being charged to the profit and loss account for the year.

#### Freehold properties

It is the group's practice to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair and to extend and make improvements thereto from time to time and accordingly the directors consider that the lives of these assets are so long and residual values, based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition, are so high that their depreciation is insignificant. Any permanent diminution in the value of such properties is charged to the profit and loss account as appropriate. Where an impairment review shows a change in the useful economic life of the properties, depreciation is provided for on a straight line basis over the remaining useful economic life. Such a review was carried out during the year and, as a result, certain properties are being written off over the remaining two years of their useful economic life.

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for permanent diminution in value.

#### **Taxation**

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences only to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, except that the deferred tax effects of timing differences arising from pensions are always recognised in full.

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 1 Statement of accounting policies (continued)

#### **Pension costs**

For defined contribution schemes, the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs represents the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

#### Foreign currency

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions or contract rates. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rate ruling at that date. These translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

Balance sheets of foreign subsidiaries and related foreign currency borrowings are translated into sterling at the closing rates of exchange and profit and loss accounts are translated at the average rates of exchange for the year. Differences arising on translation are taken directly to reserves.

#### Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of trade discounts, VAT and other sales related tax.

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 2 Turnover

The analysis of turnover by geographical origin was:

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United Kingdom Ireland France	32,321,854 1,354,550 -	28,588,810 782,768 897,236
	33,676,404	30,268,814

The operations of Sabrewatch France (SARL) were discontinued in the previous year. All other turnover was derived from continuing operations.

## 3 Cost of sales, gross profit and other operating expenses (net)

	1999 Continuing operations £	1998 Continuing operations £	1998 Discontinued operations £	1998 Total £
Cost of sales	27,296,675	23,150,689	901,517	24,052,206
Gross profit	6,379,729	6,220,890	(4,282)	6,216,608
Administrative expenses	3,241,923	1,925,137	207,690	2,132,827
Other operating income	35,000	27,448	-	27,448

On 2 December 1997, the French operation went into liquidation. The comparatives for Sabrewatch France (SARL) for the year ended 31 March 1998 are shown under discontinued operations.

#### 4 Investment income

		1999 £	1998 £
	Interest receivable and similar income	20,789	111
5	Interest payable and similar charges		
		1999 £	1998 £
	Bank interest Other interest	5,989 157,799	26,287 150,500
		163,788	176,787

## **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

## 6 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	1999 £	1998 £
Depreciation and amounts written off tangible fixed assets Deficit on revaluation of property	849,043 127,578	252,684
Auditors' remuneration	127,010	
- audit services	23,929	34,500
- non audit services	8,000	11,400
Foreign exchange loss	3,181	92,184

## 7 Staff Costs

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) was:

	1999 Number	1998 Number
Administration Security guards	70 1,430	53 1,417
	1,500	1,470
Their aggregate remuneration (including directors) c	omprised:	
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	24,131,336 2,353,824 217,930	21,042,683 2,183,575 188,278
	26,703,090	23,414,536

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 8 Directors' remuneration

The remuneration of the directors was as follows:

	1999 £	1998 £
Emoluments Company contributions to money purchase pension scheme	530,803 163,570	312,936 158,746
	694,373	471,682

The above amounts do not include any gains made on the exercise of share options.

In addition, Sir John Smith rendered professional fees of £5,000 to the company during the year ended 31 March 1999 (1998:£10,000).

#### **Pensions**

The number of directors who were members of pension schemes was as follows:

	Number	Number
Money purchase schemes	3	3
Highest-paid director		<del></del>
The above amounts for remuneration include the following in re	spect of the highe	st paid director:
	£	£
Emoluments Company contributions to money purchase schemes	272,379 21,270	103,000 84,692
	293,649	187,692

The director concerned exercised his share options during the year as detailed in note 17 (1998 none).

## 9 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge comprises:

Corporation tax at 31% (1998: 31%)	1,108,093	1,245,086
Overprovision in previous years	(4,208)	-
Deferred taxation	(155,000)	25,000
Overseas taxation	51,178	27,073
	1,000,063	1,297,159

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

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	1999 £	1998 £
<b>Equity shares</b> - interim paid of £105.86 (1998:£111.43) per ordinary share	1,575,660	1,575,660

## 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land & Buildings £	Plant & Machinery £	Computer Equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
The Group and Company					
Cost or Valuation 1 April 1998	2,902,577	1,983,927	239,901	73,049	5,199,454
Additions Disposals	21,262	334,651 (3,611)	45,758	21,707 (37,126)	423,378 (40,737)
Deficit on revaluation	(127,578)	, . ,			(127,578)
31 March 1999	2,796,261	2,314,967	285,659	57,630	5,454,517
<b>Depreciation</b> 1 April 1998	-	697,354	182,661	41,173	921,188
Charge for year Disposals	154,675 -	629,169 (663)		10,332 (24,872)	849,442 (25,535)
31 March 1999	154,675	1,325,860	237,927	26,633	1,745,095
Net book value					
31 March 1999	2,641,586	989,107	47,732	30,997	3,709,422
31 March 1998	2,902,577	1,286,573	57,240	31,876	4,278,266

A number of the company's freehold properties were professionally valued on an open market value basis during the year ended 31 March 1998, at £2,500,000 (original cost £2,138,484) giving rise to a revaluation surplus of £361,516 which was credited to the revaluation reserve in the balance sheet.

The directors undertook a review of the property portfolio during the year ended 31 March 1999 and identified certain buildings, with a cost of £309,349, which have a limited useful economic life. In consequence the company has implemented a depreciation policy to amortise the original cost over the remaining economic life, estimated at two years.

Subsequent to the 31 March 1999 the balance sheet date a further property was professionally valued by Stiles, Howard, Williams, Chartered Surveyors at £275,000 (original cost £402,577) giving rise to a revaluation deficit of £127,577 which has been charged to the profit and loss account.

## **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 12 Fixed asset investment

Investment in subsidiary undertakings £

Cost
1 April 1998 and 31 March 1999 100

At 31 March 1999, the company owned all of the ordinary share capital of Sabrewatch (Ireland) Limited, a subsidiary company incorporated in Ireland. The subsidiary is engaged in the provision of security services in Ireland.

#### 13 Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

	The Group		The Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	4,927,013	5,109,861	4,769,980	4,839,941
Amount owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	-	370,038	194,542
Other debtors	215,365	175,244	215,365	166,430
Prepayments and accrued income	243,427	114,262	215,252	114,262
	5,385,805	5,399,367	5,570,635	5,315,175

#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

## 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	The Group		The	Company	
	1999	1998	1999	1998	
	£	£	£	£	
Trade creditors	269,853	29,054	269,853	151,154	
Taxation and social security	1,985,411	1,865,388	1,924,266	1,728,911	
Other creditors	2,225,458	1,214,231	2,193,317	969,167	
Corporation tax	766,025	877,602	714,179	858,293	
	5,246,747	3,986,275	5,101,615	3,707,525	

Other creditors includes shareholders' loans of £1,190,000, (1998 £1,752,555 repayable in more than one year) which attract interest at 3% above the Bank of England base rate.

## 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

		The Group and The Company	
	1999 £	1998 £	
Other loans	-	1,752,555	
	=		

#### 16 Provision for liabilities and charges

	Group Deferred Tax	Company Deferred Tax
(a) Summary	£	£
1 April 1998	200,000	200,000
Profit and loss account	(155,000)	(155,000)
31 March 1999	45,000	45,000

If the company's properties were sold at the valuation stated in note 11 to the accounts, there would be no gain arising and therefore deferred tax has not been provided.

#### NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

## 16 Provision for liabilities and charges (continued)

	The Group and the Company					
	1999		1999 1998			998
(b) Deferred Taxation	Potential liability £	Provision made £	Potential liability £	Provision made £		
Accelerated capital allowances	45,000	45,000	200,000	200,000		

The potential liability and provision are based on a corporation tax rate of 31% (1998: 31%).

## 17 Called up share capital

Authorised	1999 £	1998 £
100,000 ordinary shares of £1	100,000	100,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid 14,884 ordinary shares of £1	14,884	14,140

## Share option schemes

	As at	Price Per			
Name	01/04/98	Exercised	Lapsed	31/03/99	Share
M Steers Esq	744	(744)	-	-	£133.035
The Lord Rayner	744	-	(744)	-	-

On 1 April 1998 M Steers Esq exercised his share option. 744 ordinary shares of £1 each were allotted at £133.035 per share.

#### 18 Reserves

		The Group		Th	ne Company	
	Revaluation Reserve	Profit & Loss Account	Share Premium Account	Revaluation Reserve	Profit & Loss Account	Share Premium Account
1 April 1998 Loss on foreign	361,516	5,189,391	-	361,516	5,102,189	-
currency translation	_	(2,978)	-	-	-	_
Retained profit for the year		454,084	-	-	330,730	-
(nominal value £744)		_	98,236		<u>-</u>	98,236
	361,516	5,640,497	98,236	361,516	5,432,919	98,236

## NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## for the year ended 31 March 1999

# 19 Reconciliation of movements in group shareholders' funds

		1999 £	1998 £
	Profit for the financial year New share capital subscribed	2,029,744 98,980	2,186,044
	Other recognised gains and losses relating to the year Dividends paid on equity shares	(2,978) (1,575,660)	392,984 (1,575,660)
	Net addition to shareholders' funds	550,086	1,003,368
	Opening shareholders' funds	5,565,047	4,561,679
	Closing shareholders' funds	6,115,133	5,565,047
20	Analysis of cash flow		
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
	Interest received Interest paid	20,789 (163,788)	111 (174,232)
	Net cash outflow	(142,999)	(174,121)
	Taxation		
	UK corporation tax paid	(1,247,999) (18,641)	(1,048,281) (42,548)
	Overseas tax paid	<u> </u>	
	Net cash outflow	(1,266,640) ————	(1,090,829)
	Capital expenditure and financial investment		
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets Sale of tangible fixed assets	(423,378) 15,600	(315,981) 420,741
	Net cash outflow	(407,778)	104,760
	Financing		
	Issue of share capital	98,980	4 750 000
	New loan finance Loan repayments	- (562,555)	1,750,000 (1,883,544)
	Net cash outflow	(463,575)	(133,544)
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#### **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### for the year ended 31 March 1999

#### 21 Pension contribution

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund and amounted to £217,930 (1998: £188,278). At the balance sheet date, all contributions due had been fully paid to the pension scheme.

## 22 Net profit for the year

The company has taken advantage of Section 230 (4) of the Companies Act 1985, and has not included its own profit and loss account in these accounts. £330,730 (1998: £618,839) of the group profit for the year is dealt with in the accounts of the parent undertaking.