# Company Registration No. 1844007

**BSH Home Appliances Limited** 

Report and Financial Statements

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# Report and financial statements 2008

# Officers and professional advisers

#### **Directors**

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E-U Hanneck

C Blake

A Wood

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### Secretary

C Blake

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#### Auditors

Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants St Albans

### Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### Principal activities and review of business

The principal activity of the company during the year continued to be the sale in the United Kingdom and Ireland of domestic electrical and gas appliances and the sale of related spares and servicing. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of BSH Home Appliances Holding GmbH.

#### **Business review**

GfK and Amdea combined market data indicated a decline of 8.2% in domestic appliance overall market volume for the period January to December 2008. This market contraction was more heavily weighted on the built in appliances as opposed to the freestanding appliance market. BSH experienced a decline in gross turnover of 6.6% compared to 2007, which the directors believe to be a satisfactory result when compared to the market.

In this environment and with the additional challenges of increasing costs and downward market price pressure, BSH Home Appliances Limited has been successful in reporting a result for 2007 that shows an increase in average revenues and above planned profitability.

#### Future risks and uncertainties

The directors consider that 2009 will hold a great deal of uncertainty with a slowing economy, restrictive availability of consumer credit and further falls in the housing market. However the directors consider that the two greatest risks for 2009 will be credit risk and foreign exchange risk.

#### Credit risk

The company has operated a very prudent approach in terms of its exposure to credit risk for several years. Credit insurance where available, is obtained for all customers and trading credit limits are set in line with those insured limits. Credit limits are intergrated into the company's financial IT system and exposure to risk is mitigated based on these limits.

#### Foreign exchange risk

BSH has significant foreign exchange risk as the vast majority of the company's operations are in the UK market. Principally products sold in this market are imported from Europe and are purchased in Euros. BSH has a policy of minimising risk by seeking to match future currency based commercial transactions with forward contracts. BSH also uses expertise at its parent company for exchange rate risk management advice.

#### Other risks

The company takes its responsibilities towards the environment seriously. With this in mind and to ensure that BSH meets its obligations under the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) Directive, it is a founder member of the REPIC compliance scheme.

### Directors' report

#### Key performance indicators

The directors believe that asset management is critical to the success of the company and as such use the following key indicators.

		2008	2007	+/- %
Sales volume (MDA only)	(units)	1,663,235	1,992,569	-16.5%
Sales revenue	(£)	482,529,188	516,769,206	-6.6%
Stock coverage (MDA only	·)	33 days	30 days	
Trade debtors coverage		31 days	33 days	
(MDA – Major Domestic A	opliances)			

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £27,644,005 (2007: £36,604,896). The directors proposed a dividend in the current year of £36,600,000 (2007: £31,000,000) of which £36,600,000 was paid.

#### Future prospects

The directors aim to maintain the management policies which have resulted in the company's growth in recent years.

#### Disabled employees

The company gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a handicapped or disabled person.

Where continuing employees become disabled, it is the company's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion wherever appropriate.

### Employee involvement

During the year, the company provided employees systematically with information on matters of concern to them as employees. Employees or their representatives are consulted on a regular basis so that the views of the employees can be taken into account in making decisions which are likely to affect their interests.

## Directors' report

#### Directors and their interests

There are no directors' interests requiring disclosure under the Companies Act 1985.

The directors, who served the company during the year, and to the date of this report, were as follows:

J Dufour

E-U Hanneck

C Blake

A Wood

K Weschta

R P Meier

T Baader

#### Auditors

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and

The 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.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234Za of the Companies Act 1985

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

Secretary

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements. The directors have chosen to prepare accounts for the company in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK GAAP). Company law requires the directors to prepare such financial statements for each financial year which 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 and comply with UK GAAP and the Companies Act 1985. In preparing these 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 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, for safeguarding the assets, for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities and for the preparation of a directors' report which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of BSH Home Appliances Limited

We have audited the financial statements of BSH Home Appliances Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes 1 to 21. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

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

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

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of BSH Home Appliances Limited (Continued)

#### **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 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.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

St Albans, United Kingdom

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# Profit and loss account Year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Turnover: continuing operations Cost of sales	2	482,529,188 (369,152,420)	516,769,206 (383,355,853)
Gross profit		113,376,768	133,413,353
Selling & Distribution costs		(65,614,818)	(69,773,688)
Administrative expenses		(13,747,167)	(11,836,303)
Other operating income		2,921,442	1,674,751
Other operating expenses		-	(1,408,093)
Operating profit: continuing operations	3	36,936,225	52,070,020
Interest receivable	6	1,573,886	1,565,633
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(42,774)	(184,883)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation  Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	38,467,337 (10,823,332)	
Profit retained for the financial year	17	27,644,005	36,604,896

All amounts relate to continuing activities and all profits or losses have been accounted for on an historic cost basis.

# Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses Year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation for the financial year Actuarial (loss) / gain relating to the pension		27,644,005	36,604,896
scheme UK deferred tax attributable to loss / (gain)	18	(3,035,000) 849,800	1,850,000 (555,000)
Total recognised gains & losses relating to the year		25,458,805	37,899,896

# Balance sheet 31 December 2008

2008 Note £	
Fixed assets	
Tangible assets 10 10,684,502	10,195,157
Intangible assets	·
10,684,502	10,195,157
Current assets	
Stocks 12 33,874,477	
Debtors 13 44,640,415	
Cash at bank and in hand 13,218,809	14,586,398
91,733,701	112,281,744
Creditors: amounts falling due	
within one year 14 (50,644,356	(59,441,368)
Net current assets 41,089,345	52,840,376
Total assets less current liabilities 51,773,847	63,035,533
Provisions for liabilities and charges 15 (1,875,460	) (2,643,565)
Pension liability 18 (5,785,200	(5,138,640)
44,113,187	55,253,328
Capital and reserves	-
Called up share capital 16 4,250,000	4,250,000
Profit and loss account 17 39,863,187	
Total shareholders' funds 17 44,113,187	55,253,328

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 05.0 2009. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

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## Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

#### 1. Accounting policies,

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

#### Group financial statements

Group financial statements have not been prepared as the company is exempt from the obligation to prepare group financial statements under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985. The financial statements therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking not about its group.

#### Cash flow statement

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the company is wholly owned and its parent published consolidated financial statements.

#### Related parties transactions

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of BSH Home Appliances Holding GmbH, the consolidated financial statements of which are publicly available. Accordingly, the company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with members or investees of the group.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:

Freehold Property	3.03% per annum
Fixtures and Fittings	12.5% per annum
Motor vehicles	16.6% per annum

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

#### Intangible fixed assets

Goodwill on the acquisition of a domestic appliance division from a related party was capitalised in the year. Following this an impairment review was carried out on the asset which was subsequently fully written down.

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition determined on weighted average basis.

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more, tax, with the following exceptions:

- provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of
  fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets,
  only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets
  and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold; and
- deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is 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 measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or, if hedged, at the forward contract rate.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or, if appropriate, at the forward contract rate.

All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### Operating lease agreements

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### Pension costs

The company operated two pension schemes both of which required contributions to be made to separately administered funds. One was a Stakeholder Scheme and contributions were charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

The other is a defined benefit scheme and the amounts charged to operating profit are the current service costs and gains and losses on settlements and curtailments. They are included as part of staff costs. Past service costs are recognised immediately in the profit and loss account if the benefits have vested. If the benefits have not vested immediately, the costs are recognised over the period until vesting occurs. The interest cost and the expected return on assets are shown as a net amount of other finance costs or credits adjacent to interest. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately in the statement of total recognised gains and losses.

Pension scheme assets are measured at fair value and liabilities are measured on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method and discounted at a rate equivalent to the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent currency and term to the scheme liabilities. The actuarial valuations are obtained at least triennially and are updated at each balance sheet date. The resulting defined benefit asset or liability, net of the related deferred tax, is presented separately after other net assets on the face of the balance sheet.

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Warranty and guarantee costs

Provision is made for the estimated future costs of providing free service of goods sold under warranty or guarantee. The estimate is based upon the expected claim rate and the historical average cost of claims.

#### Going concern

The company's business activities and main risk factors and uncertainties are set on in the Business Review on pages 2 and 3.

The company considers that its considerable financial resources together with its diverse customer base, long established trading relationships and low cost base mean that it is well placed to manage its business risk successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

After carrying out a thorough business review the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

#### 2. Turnover

Turnover which is stated net of value added tax represents the net amounts invoiced to customers. Turnover is attributable to one continuing activity, the sale of domestic electrical and gas appliances and related spares and servicing and is generated within the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

### 3. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

This is stated after charging/(crediting) the following:	2008 £	2007 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,016,936	(217,038)
Profit on the disposal of fixed assets  Operating lease rentals – other  - plant & machinery	(116,372) 2,042,020 596,929	(86,630) 2,042,020 559,524
Fees payable to the Company's auditors for - the audit of the Company's annual accounts - other services	72,699 18,200	70,929 23,500

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

#### 4. Staff costs

	2008 Number	2007 Number
Assessment would be of a survey and board		
Average number of persons employed Services and spares	500	490
Sales and distribution		
	151	149
Administration	166	158
	817	797
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:	2008 £	2007 £
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Staff costs during the year (including directors)		
Wages and salaries	23,120,365	23,478,546
Social security costs	2,324,691	2,172,990
Pension costs	1,273,636	1,591,544
	26,718,692	27,243,080

Defined benefit pension costs reported elsewhere (interest cost and actuarial gains and losses) are excluded from the figures disclosed above.

#### 5. Directors' remuneration

	2008	2007
	£	£
Directors' remuneration		
Emoluments	545,772	531,857
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	2008	2007
	No.	No.
The number of directors who:		110.
Members of defined benefit pension schemes	1	1
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	2008	2007
	£	£007
Remuneration of the highest paid director:	*	-
Emoluments	330,667	220 407
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# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

6.	Interest receivable		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Bank interest receivable	1,573,886	1,565,633
7.	Interest payable		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Net pension finance charge Loan interest payable	19,000 23,774	133,000 51,883
	. ,	42,774	184,883
8.	Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
	(a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2008 £	2007 £
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 28.5% (2007 - 30%) based on the profit for the year Tax under / (over) provided in previous years Double tax relief	9,675,240 (253,809) (63,055)	15,922,312 191,547 (16,418)
		9,992,104	16,097,441
	Paralon Torr	2008 £	2007 £
	Foreign Tax: Current year Tax under provided in previous years	63,055 22,985	16,418 (1,700)
		86,040	14,718
	Total current tax (note 8 (b))	10,078,144	16,112,159
	Deferred Tax: Effect of change in tax rate on opening liability Origination and reversal of timing differences	(39,751) 793,939	733,715
	Total deferred taxation (note 8 (c))	754,188	733,715
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# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

8.	Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)	2008 £	2007 £
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities		16,845,874
	(b) Factors affecting current and future tax charges		
	The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is higher than the tax in the UK of $28.5\%$ ( $2007 - 30\%$ ). The differences are reconciled below:	standard rate of	corporation
		2008 £	2007 £
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	38,467,337	53,450,770
	Corporation tax thereon		
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard		
	rate of corporation tax of 28.5% (2007: 30%)	10,963,191	16,035,231
	Disallowed expenses and non-taxable income	405,401	7,719
	Depreciation in excess of capital allowances		(186,437)
	Other timing differences  Net adjustments in respect of previous periods		65,799
	ivet adjustments in respect of previous periods	(230,824)	189,847 ————
	Total current tax (note 8(a)).	10,078,144	16,112,159
	(c) Deferred tax		
	The deferred tax assets/(liabilities) at the balance sheet date were as follows:		
	,	December	Decemiend
		Recognised 2008	2007
		£	£
	(Decelerated)/accelerated capital allowances	241,692	179,744
	Other timing differences	512,496	553,971
		754,188	773,715
9.	Dividends		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Equity dividends on ordinary shares:		
	Interim dividend paid	36,600,000	31,000,000

No final dividends have been proposed for the year ended 31 December 2008.

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Property £	Fixtures & Fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost	_	-		_
At 1 January 2008	11,338,102	2,173,137	4,286,162	17,797,401
Additions	-	253,363	1,396,916	1,650,279
Disposals	-	-	(921,503)	(921,503)
At 31 December 2008	11,338,102	2,426,500	4,761,575	18,526,177
Accumulated depreciation At 1 January 2008 Charge for the year Disposals	3,093,007 275,397	1,869,693	2,639,544 622,033 (777,505)	7,602,244 1,016,936 (777,505)
At 31 December 2008	3,368,404	1,989,199	2,484,072	7,841,675
Net book value				
At 31 December 2008	7,969,698	437,301	2,277,503	10,684,502
At 1 January 2008	8,245,095	303,444	1,646,618	10,195,157

Included in freehold property is land with a purchase price of £2,250,000 which is not depreciated.

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 11. Intangible fixed asstes

			Goodwill £
	Cost		
	At 1 January 2008		
	Additions		542,315
	Disposals		
	At 31 December 2008		542,315
	Amortisation		
	At 1 January 2008		-
	Charge for the year		542,315
	Disposals		
	At 31 December 2008		542,315
	Net book value		
	At 31 December 2008		
	At 1 January 2008		
	•		
12.	Stocks		
		2008	2007
		£	£
	Spare parts for resale	1,883,214	1,500,297
	Appliances for resale	31,993,263	38,794,417
		33,874,477	40,294,714

The replacement cost of stocks held by the company at 31 December 2008 and 2007 is not materially different from the balance sheet values above.

Included in the above is £29,655,322 (2007: £34,548,839) of stock held subject to reservation of title.

### 13. Debtors

	2008	2007
	£	£
Trade debtors	29,323,996	44,536,331
Amounts owed by group undertakings	15,115,977	12,356,364
Other debtors	165,339	247,982
Pension prepayment	-	84,200
Deferred taxation (note 8)	35,103	175,756
	44,640,415	57,400,633
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# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2008 £	2007 £
Trade creditors	5,641,653	7,682,985
Amounts owed to group undertakings	26,342,100	25,878,628
Current corporation tax	7,084,472	11,050,520
Other taxes	2,600,622	4,539,928
Accruals and deferred income	8,975,509	10,289,307
	50,644,356	59,441,368

### 15. Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Warranties and guarantees
Balance at 31 December 2008 Utilised in the year New provision added in year	2,643,565 (872,404) 104,299
Balance at 31 December 2008	1,875,460

Provision is made for the estimated future costs of providing free service of goods sold under warranty or guarantee. The estimate is based upon the expected claim rate and the historical average cost of claims.

#### 16. Share capital

	2008 £	2007 £
Authorised:	-	-
ordinary shares of £1 each	4,250,000	4,250,000
Called up, allotted and fully paid		
4,250,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	4,250,000	4,250,000
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# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 17. Reconciliation of shareholders' funds and movement on reserves

	Share Capital £	Profit and loss account	Total share- holders' funds £
At 1 January 2007	4,250,000	44,104,486	48,354,486
Profit for the year	-	36,604,896	36,604,896
Dividends paid on equity shares	•	(31,000,000)	(31,000,000)
Net actuarial Gain		1,295,000	1,295,000
At 31 December 2007	4,250,000	51,004,382	55,254,382
Profit for the year		27,644,005	27,644,005
Dividends paid on equity shares	-		(36,600,000)
Net actuarial (loss) / gain		(2,185,200)	
At 31 December 2008	4,250,000	39,863,187	44,113,187
The profit and loss account is made up as follows:-			
		2008	2007
		£	£
Pension Reserve		(5,785,200)	(5,138,640)
Retained profit		45,648,387	56,143,022
Profit & Loss Reserve		39,863,187	51,004,382

#### 18. Pension commitments

The company operates a scheme with separate final salary and money purchase sections in the UK.

The pension cost charges to the profit and loss account for the year for the money purchase and stakeholder section of the scheme was £696,806 (2007: £662,871).

A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 31 January 2007 and updated to 31 December 2008 by a qualified independent actuary. The major assumptions used by the actuary were (in nominal terms):

	2008 %	2007 %	2006 %
Rate of increase in salaries	4.5	4.9	4.5
Rate of increase of pensions in payment (post 5 April 1997 pensions			
only)	3.0	3.4	3.5
Discount rate	5.6	5.5	5.1
Inflation assumption	3.0	3.4	3.0

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 18. Pension commitments (continued)

The assets in the final salary section of the scheme and the expected rate of return were:

	Long-term asset return expected 31 December 2008 %	Value 31 December 2008 £'000	Long-term asset return expected 31 December 2007 %	Value 31 December 2007 £'000	31 December 2006	Value at 31 December 2006 £'000
Equities	6.7%	12,391	7.7	16,680	7.5	15,551
Cash Bonds	5.0%	201 11,712	5.1	8,205	4.8	6,700
Total market value of assets Actuarial value of liability		24,304 (32,339)		24,885 (32,022)	-	22,251 (32,149)
Deficit in the scheme Related deferred tax asset		(8,035) 2,250		(7,137) 1,998	_	(9,898) 2,969
Net pension liability		(5,785)		(5,139)	_	(6,929)
Analysis of the amount of the control of the contro	harged to opera	ating profit:			Year to 31 December 2008 £ 565,000	Year to 31 December 2007 £ 604,000
Total operating charge					565,000	604,000
Analysis of the amount in	ncluded as othe	r finance costs	s:	_	Year to 31 December 2008 £	Year to 31 December 2007 £
Expected return on pension	ion scheme				1,770,000	1,537,000
Interest on pension liabil	lities				(1,789,000)	(1,670,000)
Net finance charge					(19,000)	(133,000)

Analysis of the amount recognised in Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses (STRGL):

# Notes to the financial statements 31 December 2008

### 18. Pension commitments (continued)

Analysis of the amount recognised in Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses (STRGL):

	Year to 31 December 2008 £	Year to 31 December 2007 £
Actual return less expected return on assets	(4,768,000)	(349,000)
Experience gains and losses on liabilities		190,000
Changes in assumptions	1,733,000	2,009,000
Actuarial (loss)/ gain recognised in		
STRGL	(3,035,000)	1,850,000
Movements in deficit during the year:	Year to 31 December 2008 £	Year to 31 December 2007 £
Deficit in scheme at beginning of year	(7,137,000)	(9,898,000)
Movement in year:  Current service cost	(565,000)	(604,000)
Contributions	3,518,000	1,648,000
Net return on assets/interest cost	(19,000)	(133,000)
Actuarial loss	(3,035,000)	1,850,000
Deficit in scheme	(8,035,000)	(7,137,000)

No improvements in benefits were made in the financial year. Company contributions were 20% for ex Robert Bosch members' Pensionable Salaries and 15% for other members' Pensionable Salaries.

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#### 18. Pension commitments (continued)

Movements in deficit during the year:

	Year to 31 December 2008 £	Year to 31 December 2007 £	Year to 31 December 2006 £	Year to 31 December 2005 £	Year to 31 December 2004 £
Difference between expected and					
actual return on scheme assets	(4,768,000)	(349,000)	808,000	2,028,000	1,042,000
Percentage of scheme assets	20%	1%	4%	11%	9%
Experience gains and losses on					
scheme liabilities	-	190,000	_	(89,000)	391,000
Percentage of scheme assets	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%
Total amount recognised in statement					
of total recognised gains and losses	(3,035,000)	1,850,00	(302,000)	(846,000)	(226,000)
Percentage of scheme assets	12%	6%	1%	3%	(2%)

#### 19. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2008 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

	2008		2007	
	Land and		Land and	
	Buildings	Other	buildings	Other
	£	£	£	£
Leases which expire:				
Within one year	-	47,462	-	245,890
Within two to five years	71,653	269,525	71,653	70,231
After five years	2,091,375		2,091,375	
	2,163,028	316,987	2,163,028	316,121

#### 20. Derivatives not included at fair value

The company has derivatives at the year ending 31 December 2008 which are not included at fair value in the accounts:

	Principal	Fair value
	£	£
Forward foreign exchange contracts	41,338,189	8,287,377

The company uses the forward contracts to hedge its exposures to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The fair values are based on market values of equivalent instruments at the balance sheet date.

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#### 21. Ultimate parent company

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of BSH Home Appliances Holding GmbH, registered in Austria. BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgerate GmbH is regarded by the directors as being the company's ultimate parent company and controlling entity and it is also the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared.

Copies of the group financial statements are available from Carl-Wery-Strasse 34, 81739 Munich Germany.