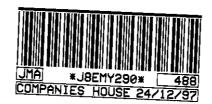
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

COMPANY NUMBER 1927035



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**Bolton** 

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#### STATUTORY SUMMARY

#### DIRECTORS

B F Jervis A Higgins

#### SECRETARY

A Higgins

#### REGISTERED OFFICE

Regency House 45-49 Chorley New Road Bolton BL1 4QR

#### COMPANY NUMBER

1927035

#### **AUDITORS**

Cowgill, Holloway & Co Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors Regency House 45-49 Chorley New Road Bolton BL1 4QR

#### BANKERS

The Co-operative Bank plc 1 Balloon Street Manchester M60 4EP

#### SOLICITORS

Fruhman Davies & Co 40 King Street West Manchester M3 2WY

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31st March 1997.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES & REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The principal activities of the company are the reclamation and trading of recyclable materials. There were no significant changes in its activities during the year.

The directors consider the state of the affairs of the company to be satisfactory.

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit and loss account is shown on page 5 and the balance sheet on page 6. Payment of a preference dividend of £5000 has been made. No ordinary dividends are proposed for the year and the retained profit transferred to reserves will be £31230.

#### FIXED ASSETS

Details of movements in fixed assets during the year are set out in note 10 to the financial statements.

#### FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors anticipate successful trading in the current financial year.

#### CREDITORS PAYMENT POLICY

Creditors are paid consistently and in accordance with the terms agreed with each supplier. A large number of suppliers are paid on delivery, however there are some credit accounts. The average days credit taken is 6.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year and their beneficial interests in the company's issued Ordinary share capital were:

	Ordinary	shares	Preference	shares
	1997	1996	1997	1996
B F Jervis	-	-	-	-
A Higgins	-	-	-	

The interest of the directors in the share capital of the ultimate holding company, Lloyds Metal Group plc, are shown in that companys financial statements.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED...)

#### DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires directors to prepare 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. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business;

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

#### TAXATION STATUS

In the opinion of the directors, the company is a close company for taxation purposes.

#### POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year the company made charitable donations in the UK of £900 (1996: £Nil).

#### **AUDITORS**

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Cowgill, Holloway & Co, be re-appointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

By Order of the Board

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30 OCTOBER 1997

Regency House

45-49 Chorley New Road

Bolton

BL1 4QR

Higgins

Secretary

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### LLOYDS METAL PROCESSORS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 18 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 8 to 10.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described on page 3 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 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 of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

DATE: 30 OCTOBEL 1997

COWGILL, HOLLOWAY & CO CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS & REGISTERED AUDITOR

Regency House 45-49 Chorley New Road Bolton BL1 4QR

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

		•	.997		.996
TURNOVER	Notes	£	£ 19717593	£	£ 23538784
Cost of sales	2 3	(	19717393 (17382377)	(	23538784 20571672)
	J	`	<u></u>	`	<u> 20371072</u> ,
GROSS PROFIT			2335216		2967112
Administrative expenses	2 / 21	33625)		(1664304)	
Other income	-	39578		(1004304)	
			( <u>2094047</u> )		(1664304)
			041160		
OPERATING PROFIT	4		241169		1302808
Profit/(loss) on sale of fi	xed				
assets in continuing opera	tions		<u> 15236</u>		<u>(4138</u> )
DDARTH AN ADDINADY AGMINTH	DO.				
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITI BEFORE INTEREST	ES		256405		1298670
					2230070
Interest receivable & simil					
income Interest payable & similar	6	68875		38411	
charges	7 (2	01086)		(172276)	
		,	( <u>132211</u> )	( <u>====</u> ,	<u>(133865</u> )
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITE BEFORE TAXATION	ES		124194		1164805
DH OM IMMILON			121171		1104000
Taxation on profit on					
ordinary activities	8		<u>(87964</u> )		<u>(440363</u> )
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YE	AR		36230		724442
	•		(5000)		(
Dividends - non equity shar	es 9		<u>(5000</u> )		<u>(10000</u> )
RETAINED PROFIT					
FOR THE YEAR	20		<u>31230</u>		<u>714442</u>

All amounts relate to continuing operations and there were no recognised gains or losses other than those recognised in the profit and loss account.

#### BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 1997

		1997	199	96
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	££	£	£
Tangible assets Investments	10 11	1557915 - 1557915	_	1461608 125000 1586608
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks Debtors Cash at bank & in hand			551030 1580585 65332 2196947	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	14 ( <u>3407</u>	7342)	( <u>1507425</u> )	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>760286</u>	_	689522
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2318201	2	276130
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(559157)	(	(349353)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	5 16	<u>(152092</u> )	<u>. 1</u>	( <u>151055</u> )
NET ASSETS		<u>1606952</u>	1	775722
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called up share capital Capital redemption reserv Profit and loss account	17 7e 18 19	100000 200000 <u>1306952</u>	<u>1</u>	300000 - L475722
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	20&21	<u>1606952</u>	<u> 1</u>	775722

The financial statements on pages 5 to 18 were approved by the Board of Directors on ...30.0906... 1997, and signed on its behalf by:

DIRECTOR B.J.e....

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

N	otes 1	.997 £	19 £	996
Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities	Ľ	£	L	£
Operating profit Exceptional write off Depreciation charges Increase in stocks Increase in debtors Increase in creditors		241169 54821 253193 116018 (2109708) 422637		1302808 - 211314 (190069) (407090) (230030)
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		( <u>1021870</u> )		<u>686933</u>
Cash flow statement				
Net cash inflow from operatin activities Returns on investments and	g	(1021870)		686933
servicing of finance Taxation	22 22	(137211) (257494)		(158865) (115000)
Capital expenditure Management of liquid resources	22	(139085) 125000		(191636) 50000
Financing DECREASE IN CASH	22	(107650) (1538310)		(316364) (44932)
		\ <u>====</u> ,		
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	23			
Decrease in cash in the perio Cash inflow from increase in	d (1538310)		(44932)	
debt and lease financing Cash used to increase liquid	(92350)		316364	
resources New finance leases	(125000) (250000)		(50000) <u>(364000</u> )	
Change in net debt Net debt at 1.4.96		(2005660) (355238)		(142568) <u>(212670</u> )
NET DEBT AT 31.3.97		( <u>2360898</u> )	<u>.</u>	(355238)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the company's affairs.

#### (a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and incorporate the results of its principal activity which is described in the directors' report and which is continuing.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

#### (b) Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company net of trade discounts, VAT and other related taxes.

#### (c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant & machinery - 10% Straight line
Fixtures & fittings - 15% Reducing balance
Motor vehicles - 25% Reducing balance

Leasehold improvements have been written down in the year as the company are to move to new premises.

#### (d) Investments

Investments are stated at cost, less any provision for permanent diminution in value.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED ....)

#### (e) Leasing & hire purchase

Assets obtained under hire purchase contracts and finance leases are capitalised as tangible fixed assets and the cost less estimated residual value depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and their useful lives. Finance leases are those where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership are assumed by the company. Obligations under such agreements are included in creditors net of the finance charge allocated to future periods. The finance element of the rental payment is charged to the profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge on the net obligation outstanding in each period.

#### (f) Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

#### (q) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is arrived at as follows:

Raw materials and goods - invoice cost. for resale

Work in progress - raw material cost plus appropriate proportion of direct costs and overheads.

Finished goods - raw material cost plus direct cost and overheads.

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

#### (h) Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the company to the fund during the year.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED ....)

#### (i) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for taxation deferred as a result of material timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounts purposes, using the liability method, only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the near future.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The whole of the turnover and profit before taxation is attributable to the one principal activity of the company as described in page 2 of the directors' report. A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows:

	:	<b>1</b> 99 <b>7</b>	1996
	•	£	£
United Kingdom		<u> 19717593</u>	23538784

#### 3. COST OF SALES AND EXPENSES

•		1997	19	996
	Continuing	Discontinued	Continuing	Discontinued
	£	£	£	£
Cost of sales	<u>17382377</u>		<u>20571672</u>	-
Administrative expenses	2133625		<u>1664304</u>	
4. OPERATING PROFIT charging/(cred:		after	199 £	97 1996 £
Depreciation of	tangible f:	ixed assets:		
- Write off of			5482	21 -
- owned by the		-	10012	22 115299
- held under fir				
and hire purch		cts	15307	71 96015
Auditors' remune				ř
- Audit service:			1000	
- Non audit ser	vices		902	25 12100
Equipment hire			134	4731
Gain on disposa	l of invest	nents	<u>(395)</u>	<u> </u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED....)

#### 5. STAFF COSTS

	Staff costs including directors during the		
	year were as follows:	1997 £	1996 £
	Wages and salaries	985309	711530
	Social security costs	88927	
	Other pension costs	1340	3963
		1075576	788937
	Number of employees		-
	The average weekly number of persons (in employed by the company during the year was:	cluding	directors)
		1997	1996
		No.	No.
	Administration & selling	<u> 38</u>	<u> 38</u>
	Remuneration of Directors was as follows:	1997 £	1996 £
	For management services	486670	290481
	Other emoluments (including pension		
	contributions and benefits-in-kind)	<u>24852</u>	<u>27475</u>
		<u>511522</u>	<u>317956</u>
	Fees and other emoluments disclosed above (excluding pension contributions) include amounts paid to:	£	£
	The chairman and the		
	highest-paid director	<u>390352</u>	265000
6.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	1997	1996
•	INTIMEDI MICHITIDII AND DIMINI INCOM	£	£
	Related company loans	<u>68875</u>	<u>38411</u>
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	1997 £	1996 £
	On Bank loans, overdrafts & other loans:		<del></del>
	- repayable within 5 years not by		
	instalments	110699	76807
	On hire purchase contracts & finance leases:		
	- terminating within 5 years	87308	80831
	Other interest	<u>3079</u>	<u> 14638</u>
		201086	<u>172276</u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED .....)

8.	TAXATION ON PROFIT O		RY ACTIVIT	IES	1997 £	1996 £
	Current year taxatio					
	Corporation Tax at 3				86927	372550
	Transferred to Defer	red taxa	tion		<u> 1037</u>	<u>48343</u>
					87964	420893
	Prior years Corporation Tax				<u>-</u> 87964	<u>19470</u> 440363
						110000
9.	DIVIDENDS				1997	1996
٠.	DI VIDIMBB				£	£
	Equity ordinary divi	dond of	CNT-1 /1006	. CMI T \	T.	Æ
		dend of	THIT (1330	: ENTT)		
	per ordinary share				-	-
	Non-equity preference			emable		
	preference shares 2	.5p (199	6:5p) per			
	preference share	:			<u>5000</u>	<u> 10000</u>
		\$	1		5000	10000
10.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSET	S				
	L	easehold	Plant &	Fixt's	& Motor	
	_	Imp's	Machinery			e Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	COST	~		~		L
		53989	1391182	110001	400005	2052607
	At 1st April 1996			110221		2053687
	Additions	25465	301286	10351	119756	456858
	Disposals		<u>(11500</u> )	<del></del>	<u>(62236</u> )	<u>(73736</u> )
	At 31st March 1997	<u>79454</u>	1680968	120572	<u>555815</u>	<u>2436809</u>
	DEPRECIATION					
	At 1st April 1996	17126	377350	60047	137556	592079
	Charge for the year	62328	157500	8757	79429	308014
	Disposals		<u>(1462</u> )		<u>(19737</u> )	<u>(21199</u> )
	At 31st March 1997	79454	<u>533388</u>	68804	197248	<u>878894</u>
	NET BOOK VALUE					
	At 31st March 1997	-	<u>1147580</u>	<u>51768</u>	<u>358567</u>	<u>1557915</u>
	At 31st March 1996	<u>36863</u>	1013832	<u>50174</u>	<u>360739</u>	1461608
	T					
	Included above are					or hire
	purchase contracts w	ith net	book value:	s as fol		
					1997	1996
					£	£
	Plant & machinery				625555	418684
	Motor vehicles				283083	229283
				•		
				:	908638	<u>647967</u>

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED .....)

11.	INVESTMENTS	1997 £	1996 £
	Manchester City Football Club plc: At 1st April 1996 Additions	125000	175000
	Disposals	( <u>125000</u> )	<u>(50000</u> )
	At 31st March 1997	-	125000
12.	STOCKS	1997	1996
	Metal stocks	£ 435012	£ 551030
13.	DEBTORS	1997 £	1996 £
	Due within one year:	~	~
	Trade debtors Amounts due from group undertakings Amounts due from undertakings under	949089 1220607	
	common control	1478018	-
	S419 taxation receivable ACT recoverable	8329 -	8329 6250
	Directors loan accounts	-	22225
	Other debtors Prepayments & accrued income		286 <u>29232</u>
		<u>3684043</u>	<u>1580585</u>

The maximum amount outstanding on the directors loan accounts during the year was B Jervis £180211 and A Higgins £42791.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED ....)

14. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within		
one year	1997	1996
	£	£
Bank overdraft (secured)	1521551	-
Trade creditors	332030	242554
Net obligations under finance leases and		
hire purchase contracts (secured)	328763	196217
Amounts due to group undertaking	170932	-
Amounts due to undertakings under		
common control	-	7741
Corporation tax	452178	623995
ACT payable	1250	6250
Social security & other taxes	484089	386856
Other creditors	71749	-
Accruals & deferred income	44800	43812
	3407342	<u>1507425</u>

The bank loans and overdraft amounting to £1521551 (1996:£Nil) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets. The finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets concerned.

15.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more		
	than one year	1997	1996
		£	£
	Bank loans (secured)	_	75534
	Net obligations under finance leases and		
	hire purchase contracts (secured)	<u>559157</u>	273819
		<u>559157</u>	<u>349353</u>
	The bank loan can be further analysed as foll	ows:	
		1997	1996
		£	£
	Within one year, incl. amounts payable		
	on demand	-	-
	Between one and two years	_	75534
	Between two and five years	-	-
	In five years or more		
			<u>75534</u>

The finance leases and hire purchase contracts are secured on the assets concerned and are repayable in instalments between two and five years.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED .....)

#### 16. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

Deferred tax is attributable to:

	Full potential				
		liability		Provided	
		1997 1996		1997	1996
		£	£	£	£
	Accelerated capital allowances	<u>152092</u>	<u>151055</u>	<u>152092</u>	<u>151055</u>
	The movements in deferred	tax are a	as follows:	1997	1996
	Balance brought forward Transfer to profit and loa	ss account	t	£ 151055 	£ 102712 48343
	Balance carried forward			<u>152092</u>	<u>151055</u>
17.	SHARE CAPITAL			1997 £	1996 £
	Authorised: 500000 Ordinary shares or	f £1 each		500000	<u>500000</u>
	200000 5% Redeemable pres shares of £1 each			200000	200000
	Allotted, called up and for 100000 Ordinary shares or			100000	100000
	200000 5% Redeemable pres shares of £1 each			<u>-</u>	200000
	The preference shares wer fl for fl basis on 30th So			ained rese	rves on a
18.	CAPITAL REDEMPTION RESERVE	E		1997 £	1996 £
	Redemption of preference shares			200000	
	Balance carried forward			200000	

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED ....)

19.	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1997 £	1996 £
	Balance brought forward	1475722	761280
	Profit retained for the year	31230	714442
	Redemption of preference shares		/14442
	Redemption of preference shares	<u>(200000</u> )	
	Balance carried forward	<u>1306952</u>	<u>1475722</u>
20.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN		
	SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1997	1996
		£	£
	Profit for the year	36230	724442
	Dividends	(5000)	
		31230	$\frac{(10000)}{714442}$
	Preference shares redeemed	(200000)	,11112
	a carda da a cardanda	(200000)	<del>-</del>
	Net (deficit)/additions during the year	(168770)	714442
	Shareholders' funds brought forward	1775722	1061280
	Dialogold Lands Sloagic Lolward	<u> </u>	1001200
	Shareholders' funds carried forward	1606952	1775722
		···	<del></del>
21.	ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS	1997	1996
		£	£
	Equity Interests	-	
	Ordinary share capital	100000	100000
	Redemption of preference shares	200000	_
	Profit and loss account	1306952	1475722
	TIOTIC and Tobb account	1606952	1575722 1575722
		1000332	19/9/22
	Non-equity interests		
	Preference share capital	_	200000
		1606952	1775722

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997 (CONTINUED ....)

22.	GROSS CASH FLOWS	1	1997		1996	
		£	£	£	£	
	Returns on investments and					
	servicing of finance					
	Interest received	68875		38411		
	Bank interest paid	(113778)		(91445)		
	H P Interest paid	(87308)		(80831)		
	Non equity dividend	<u>(5000</u> )	(40-0-1	<u>(25000</u> )		
			( <u>137211</u> )		( <u>158865</u> )	
	Capital expenditure					
	Payments to acquire tangible	•				
	fixed assets	(206858)		(332401)		
	Receipts from sales of tang	,-		(332401)		
	fixed assets	67773		140765		
			139085		(191636)	
					( <u>====</u> ,	
	Management of liquid resource	ces				
	Sale of investment	<u>125000</u>		<u>50000</u>		
			<u> 125000</u>		<u>50000</u>	
	_, ,					
	Financing					
	Redemption of preference shares	(200000)				
	Capital element of hire	(200000)		-		
	purchase	(202116)		(266898)		
	Repayment of loan	(75534)		(49466)		
	Increase in short	(,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		(13100)		
	term borrowings	370000		<u></u>		
	3		(107650)		( <u>316364</u> )	
			-		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
23.	ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET		- 1	0.1		
		At 1.4		Other	At 31.3	
		1996 £	Flows £	Changes		
	Cash in hand, at bank	65332	16759)	£	£ 48573	
	Overdrafts		( <u>1521551</u> )	_	( <u>1521551</u> )	
			(1538310)		(1472978)	
			(2000)		(,	
	Debt due within 1 year	(196217)	(417884)	285338	(328763)	
	Debt due after 1 year	(349353)			(559157)	
	<del>'</del>					
	Current asset investments	<u>125000</u>	( <u>125000</u> )			
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	TOTAL	( <u>355238</u> )	( <u>2005660</u> )		( <u>2360898</u> )	

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#### 24. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company has provided guarantees in favour of the following companies:

Valley & Vale Properties Limited	1 <b>997</b> £ <u>2200748</u>	1996 £ <u>772610</u>
M & C Metals Limited	<u>895582</u>	<del>-</del>
Lloyds Metal Group plc	700000	

#### 25. TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

B F Jervis is a director of Valley and Vale Properties Limited, which during the year charged rent to the company of £52000 (1996:£52000).

#### 26. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Lloyds Metal Group plc, a company incorporated in England and Wales.