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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2007.

Principal activities

Rayovac Europe Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Rayovac (UK) Ltd, a company incorporated in the UK, which is in turn a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands Inc with its headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

The principal activity of the company is the manufacture and distribution of batteries and related products plus the marketing and distribution of consumer products. These activities are undertaken in the UK and Europe.

Business review

The results for the year are shown on page 4.

The company had profits before tax increasing to £7.8m (2006:£5.8m) on the back of increased gross sales and growth is expected to continue. Sales for 2007 were £3.3m higher than 2006 due to sucessful Christmas promotions. Distribution costs for 2007 were higher than 2006 due to the increased sales, however operating costs were only £0.2m higher. The Electrical beauty market fell 4% compared to the previous year with the styler market being worst hit as in 2006 with a 5% decline. The outlook for 2008 is very positive with the launch off 2 major new haircare products for the Christmas peak season and also a new shaving range.

The company makes a significant percentage of sales around the Christmas period and as such is dependent upon consumer confidence at this time of year.

The company buys products in dollars from the Far East and is therefore exposed to exchange rate fluctuations. To minimise this risk foreign currency hedges have been placed for the next year at US level by the ultimate holding company. This policy will continue to be applied where appropriate.

Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2006:Nil).

Directors and Directors' Interests

The directors who held office during the year, and subsequent to the year end, were as follows:

M Schiller

resigned 21/1/08

A Krueger

A Rouve

D Mullane appointed 03/09/07, resigned 10/10/08 W Bos appointed 03/09/07, resigned 10/10/08

S Sidani

appointed 10/10/08

Branches

The company has a branch in Spain, through which sales to that region are executed.

Political and charitable contributions

The company made no political or charitable donations during the year.

Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this report of the board confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG LLP as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Director

26-Nov-08

Watermans House Watermans Court Kingsbury Crescent The Causeway Staines Middlesex TW18 3BA

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable 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 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 its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Balance sheet

as at 30 September 2007

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|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Note | 2007 | 2007 | 2006 | 2006 |
| | | £000 | €000 | £000 | £000 |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Intangible assets | 9 | | 11,866 | | 12,608 |
| Tangible assets | 10 11 | | 2,830 36,751 | | 2,854 36,751 |
| Investments | ,,, | - | 30,731 | _ | 30,731 |
| | | | 51,447 | | 52,213 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 12 | 6,227 | | 7,765 | |
| Debtors Cash at bank and in hand | 13 | 58,197 4,256 | | 47,430 2,465 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | • | 1,255 | | 2,405 | |
| | | 65,679 | | 57,660 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 14 | (20,274) | | (19,735) | |
| Net current assets | • | | 45,405 | | 37,925 |
| | | - | | _ | |
| Total assets less current ilabilities | | | 96,852 | | 90,138 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 15 | | (28,357) | | (28,357) |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 16 | | (3,775) | | (2,386) |
| Provision for pension scheme liability | 21 | | (1,258) | | (2,015) |
| | | _ | 63,462 | | 57,380 |
| Capital and reserve | | - | | _ | |
| Called up equity share capital | 17 | | 9,872 | | 9,872 |
| Profit and loss account | 18 | | 25,769 | | 19,687 |
| Capital contributions | 18 | _ | 27,821 | _ | 27,821 |
| Shareholders' funds: equity | 19 | _ | 63,462 | | 57,380 |
| | | - | | _ | |

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on $2b \cdot 11 \cdot 05$ and were signed on its behalf by:

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Profit and loss account

| For the year ended 30 September 2007 | | 2007 | 2006 |
|--|----------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Note | £000 | 2000 |
| Turnover Cost of sales | 1-2 | 62,745 (42,051) | 59,363 (39,739) |
| Gross profit Distribution costs Administrative expenses | | 20,694 (10,324) (5,493) | 19,624 (8,594) (5,267) |
| Operating profit | | 4,877 | 5,763 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges | 6 7 | 3,188 (246) | 1,001 (928) |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 3-7 8 | 7,819 (2,605) | 5,836 (1,952) |
| Profit for the financial year | 18 | 5,214 | 3,884 |

All of the company's activities are continuing.

There is no difference between the company's results as presented above and as presented on an historical cost basis. Accordingly no statement of historical cost profits and losses is presented.

KPMG LLP

Arlington Business Park Theale Reading RG7 4SD United Kingdom

Independent auditors' report to the members of Rayovac Europe Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Rayovac Europe Limited for the year ended 30 September 2007 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. 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 auditor's 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 UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities on page 2.

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.

Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2007 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.

KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditor

24 November

Notes (forming part of the financial statements)

Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements, except as noted below.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

The company is exempt by virtue of s228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised 1996) the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Spectrum Brands Inc. the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained within Financial Reporting Standard 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). The consolidated financial statements of Spectrum Brands Inc. within which this company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 22.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any impairment.

Goodwill and negative goodwill

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and businesses, representing any excess of the consideration over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and written off on a straight line basis, which is 20 years. Provision is made for any impairment.

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost less the estimated residual value of tangible fixed assets by equal instalments over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Short leasehold improvements

- 10-20% per annum

Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment

- 20% per annum

Leased assets

- Life of lease

Plant and machinery

- 10-20% per annum

Computers

- 10-50% per annum

Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction or, if hedged forward, at the rate of exchange under the related forward currency contract. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

For the year ended 30 September 2007

| | Note | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
|---|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Profit for the financial year Actuarial gain/(loss) on pension scheme UK deferred tax attributable to actuarial (gain)/loss | 19 21 | 5,214 1,240 (372) | 3,884 (67) 20 |
| Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial year | | 6,082 | 3,837 |
| Total gains and losses recognised since last annual report | | 6,082 | 3,837 |

| 3 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging: | | |
| Auditors' remuneration: | | |
| Audit of these financial statements Taxation | 86 | 56 - |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 742 | 742 |
| Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets: Owned | 681 | 579 |
| Hire of plant and machinery - rental payable under operating lease | 74 | 99 |
| Hire of other assets - operating leases | 691 | 548 |
| 4 Remuneration of directors | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| Directors' emoluments | 10 | _ |
| Company contributions to defined benefit pension schemes | 2 | - |
| · | 12 | - |
| | Number of Directors 2007 | 2006 |
| Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under: Defined benefit schemes | 1 | - |

The remaining directors remuneration of Rayovac Europe Ltd is paid out of Spectrum Brands GmbH or Spectrum Brands Inc. for both the current and prior financial years.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Leases

Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Post-retirement benefits

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The amount charged against profits represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.

The company also operates a funded defined benefit pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund. Pension scheme assets are measured using market values. For quoted securities the current bid price is taken as market value. Pension scheme liabilities are measured using a projected unit method and discounted at the current rate of return on a high quality corporate bond of equivalent term and currency to the liability. The pension scheme surplus (to the extent that it is recoverable) or deficit is recognised in full. The movement in the scheme surplus/deficit is split between the operating charges, finance items and, in the statement of total recognised gains and losses, actuarial gains and losses.

Research & development expenditure

Expenditure on research and development is written off against profits in the period in which it is incurred.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In determining the cost of raw materials, consumables and goods purchased for resale, the weighted average purchase price is used. For work in progress and finished goods cost is taken as production cost, which includes an appropriate proportion of attributable overheads.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised without discounting in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except as otherwise required by Financial Reporting Standard 19.

Turnover

Turnover which excludes Value Added Tax and trade discounts, represents the invoiced value of electrical personal care items, batteries and related products. It is recognised when the customer accepts the goods.

2 Analysis of turnover - by geographical market

In the directors' opinion all of the company's turnover is derived from the principal activity of the company.

| | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| European Community Non-European Community | 57,877 4,868 | 54,285 5,078 |
| | 62,745 | 59,363 |

| 8 | Taxation | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Analysis of | f charge in period | | | | |
| | | 2007 £000 | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| UK Corpor Current tax | ration tax k on income for the year | 2,288 | | 2,175 | |
| Total curre | ent tax | | 2,288 | | 2,175 |
| (Reversal) | ax (see note 13) /origination of timing differences tt in respect of prior years | 317 | | (188) (35) | |
| | | | 317 | | (223) |
| Tax on pro | ofit on ordinary activities | _ | 2,605 | _ | 1,952 |
| | nt tax charge for the year is lower (2006: higher) than the standard rat ned below: | e of corporation tax | in the UK 30% | (2006: 30%) The | differences |
| | | | | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| | x reconciliation rdinary activities before tax | | | 7,819 | 5,836 |
| Current ta: | x at 30% (2006: 30%) | | _ | 2,346 | 1,751 |
| Depreciati Amortisati | not deductible for tax purposes on for period in excess of capital allowance on and impairment of goodwill ng differences | | | 36 (18) 223 (299) | 30 (57) 223 228 |
| Total curre | ent tax charge (see above) | | - | 2,288 | 2,175 |

5 Staff numbers and costs

| The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the period | od, analysed by category Number of em | |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | 445 | 407 |
| Production | 115 35 | 127 |
| Administration and marketing | 35 32 | 52 27 |
| Selling and distribution | | |
| | 182 | 206 |
| The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows | | |
| The aggregate payron costs of these persons were as follows | | |
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | 0003 | £000 |
| Wages and salaries | 6,483 | 6,018 |
| Social security costs | 717 | 559 |
| Other pension costs | 294 | 233 |
| | 7,494 | 6,810 |
| 6 Other interest receivable and similar income Bank interest Other loan interest from group undertakings | 2007 £000 12 2,133 | 2006 £000 6 995 |
| Exchange gain | 1,043 | - |
| | 3,188 | 1,001 |
| 7 Interest payable and similar charges | | |
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| · | 0003 | £000 |
| Bank loans and overdrafts | . 145 | 68 |
| Other financial costs on pension scheme Exchange loss | 101 | 81 779 |
| | 246 | 928 |
| | | |

9 Intangible fixed assets

| | Goodwill £000 |
|---|------------------|
| Cost | |
| At 1 October 2008 | 18,237 |
| At 30 September 2007 | 18,237 |
| Amortisation At beginning of year Charge for year | 5,629 742 |
| At end of year | 6,371 |
| Net book value At 30 September 2007 | 11,866 |
| At 30 September 2006 | 12,608 |

10 Tangible fixed assets

| | Short leasehold improvements £000 | Plant and machinery £000 | Fixtures, fittings, tools and equipment £000 | Assets in course of construction | Total £000 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cost At beginning of year Additions Disposals | 431 | 8,496 314 (501) | 1,068 351 | 20 - (8) | 10,015 665 (509) |
| At end of year | 431 | 8,309 | 1,419 | 12 | 10,171 |
| Depreciation At beginning of year Charge for year Disposals At end of year | 289 25 - - 314 | 6,119 422 (501) 6,040 | 753 234 - 987 | - - - | 7,161 681 (501) 7,341 |
| Net book value At 30 September 2007 | 117 | 2,269 | 432 | 12 | 2,830 |
| At 30 September 2006 | 142 | 2,377 | 315 | 20 | 2,854 |

Included in the total net book value of plant and machinery is £25,000 relating to non-depreciable items (2006:£25,000).

11 Fixed asset investment

£000

Cost at beginning and end of year

36,751

The undertakings in which the company's interest at the year end is more than 20% are as follows:

| | Principal activity | Class of percentage of shares held |
|---|--|--|
| Subsidiary undertakings | | |
| Varta Limited | Dormant | 100% ordinary shares |
| Remington Consumer Products | Non Trading | 100% ordinary shares |
| Remington Consumer Products (Ireland) Limited | Marketing and distribution of consumer products. | 100% ordinary shares |
| Tetra (UK) Limited | Promotion and sale of food for ornamental aquarium and pond fish, fishkeeping equipment and accessories. | 100% ordinary shares |

| 14 | Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | | 2007 | 2006 |
|------------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| | | | €000 | £000 |
| | ed to group undertakings | | 7,864 6,903 | 9,037 6,452 |
| Corporation | social security | | 1,338 1,517 | 542 249 |
| | deferred income | | 2,652 | 3,455 |
| | | | 20,274 | 19,735 |
| | | | | |
| 15 | Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | | | |
| | | | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| Amounts ow | ed to group undertakings | | 28,357 | 28,357 |
| 16 | Provision for liabilities and charges | Reorganisation | Other reserve | Total |
| | | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| At beginning Provision me | of year overnent in the year _ | 134 1,139 | 2,252 250 | 2,386 1,389 |
| At end of yea | ar _ | 1,273 | 2,502 | 3,775 |
| The other re | pages is the provision for pattlement of the Verta Ltd Pageins and Life Assumption | nnon Cahama nagatio | tion of a nattlement in any | |
| | serve is the provision for settlement of the Varta Ltd Pension and Life Assur | ance Scheme, negotia | uon or a settlement is ong | oing. |
| 17 | Called up share capital | | | |
| Authorised | | | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| | nary shares of £1 each | | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| Allotted, cal | iled up and fully paid | | | |
| | nary shares of £1 each | | 9,872 | 9,872 |

12 Stocks

| | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Raw material and consumables | 588 | 836 |
| Work in progress | 375 | 556 |
| Finished goods and goods for resale | 5,264 | 6,373 |
| | 6,227 | 7,765 |
| 13 Debtors | | |
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Trade debtors | 10,990 | 8,969 |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 45,319 | 35,855 |
| Other debtors | 348 | 679 |
| Prepayments | 1,194 | 1,264 |
| Deferred tax asset | 346 | 663 |
| | 58,197 | 47,430 |

Amouts owed by group undertakings include a loan of £38,392,200 (Euro 55,000,000) due from Spectrum Brands Europe GmbH and repayable on 28 November 2010 with an interest rate of Euribor 3 months plus 2%.

The remaining amounts owed by group undertakings relate to trading balances payable on normal credit terms of 30 days end of month.

Deferred tax asset

| | | £000 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| At beginning of year Debit to the profit and loss for the year | | 663 (317) |
| At end of year | | 346 |
| The elements of deferred taxation are as follows: | | |
| | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances Other timing differences | (165) 511 | (147) 810 |
| | 346 | 663 |

18 Reserves

| | | | | Capital contributions £000 | Profit & loss account £000 |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| At beginning | of year | | | 27,821 | 19,687 |
| | year in recognised in the pension scheme arrising on gains in the pension scheme | | | <u>.</u> | 5,214 1,240 (372) |
| At end of ye | ar | | | 27,821 | 25,769 |
| 19 | Reconciliation of movement in equity shareholders' funds | | | | |
| | | | | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| Profit for the | uity shareholders funds financial year nised gains and losses relating to the year | | | 57,380 5,214 868 | 53,543 3,884 (47) |
| Closing equ | ity shareholders' funds | | | 63,462 | 57,380 |
| 20 | Commitments | | | | |
| (a) | Capital commitments at the end of the financial period for which | ch no provision has been made | e, are as follows | 3 ; | |
| | | | | 2007 £000 | 2006 £000 |
| Contracted | | | | - | |
| (b) | Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases | are as follows | | | |
| | | 2007 Land and buildings £000 | Other | 2006 Land and buildings £000 | Other £000 |
| O | anna ushiah ausira. | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| Within one | eases which expire: year | 137 | 28 | - | 23 |
| In the secon Over five ye | nd to fifth years inclusive | 224 243 | - 22 | 97 507 | - |
| | | 604 | 50 | 604 | 29 |
| | | | | | |

21 Pension scheme

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the company to the scheme and amounted to £98,000 (2006 :£99,000). There are no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the financial year.

A pension scheme providing benefits based on final pensionable pay was transferred into the company following the acquisition of Remington Consumer Products Limited on 29 March 2004. The latest full actuarial valuation was carried out at 6 April 2007 and was updated for FRS 17 purposes to 30 September 2007 by a qualified independent actuary. No accounting entries have been made in the company's accounts relating to this scheme prior to the acquisition of Remington Consumer Products Limited.

The major assumptions used by the actuary in the 30 September 2007 valuation were:

| | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Rate of increase in salaries | 4.4% | 4.1% | 3.9% |
| Rate of increase in pensions in payment and deferred pensions | 3.0% | 3.0% | 2.9% |
| Discount rate applied to scheme liabilities | 6.0% | 5.3% | 5.1% |
| Inflation assumption | 3.4% | 3.1% | 2.9% |

The assumptions used by the actuary are the best estimates chosen from a range of possible actuarial assumptions which, due to the timescale covered, may not necessarily be borne out in practice.

21 Pension scheme (Continued)

Scheme assets

| The fair value of the scheme's assets, which are not intended to be realised in the short term and may be subject to significant change before they are realised, and the present value of the scheme's liabilities, which are derived from cash flow projections over long periods and thus inherently uncertain were: | ded to be realised in the short te sme's liabilities, which are derive | sm and may be subject ad from cash flow projec | to significant tions over lon | change ig periods | |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| | Long term rate of return Value at 30 September 2007 £000 | Long ter of ret | m rate um Value at 30 September 2006 £000 | Long term rate of return 30 Septen | n rate Value at 30 September 2005 £000 |
| Equities Bonds Other Cash | 0.0% 0.0% 6.3% 5,902 | . 0.0% 2 6.3% 0.0% | 5,262 | 0.0% 0.0% 6.3% 0.0% | 5,123 |
| Total market value of assets Present market value of scheme liabilities | 5,902 |) 2 8 | 5,262 (8,139) | | 5,123 (7,878) |
| Deficit in the scheme Related deferred tax asset | (1,797) 539 | (£ | (2,877) 862 | | (2,755) 827 |
| Net pension liability | (1,258) | | (2,015) | | (1,928) |
| Movement in deficit during the period | year to 30 September 2007 | | year to 30 September 2006 | 30 Septer | year to 30 September 2005 £000 |
| Deficit in scheme at beginning of period Current service cost Gains on settlement and curtailment Contributions paid | (2,877) (196) - | 7) 6) 7 | (2,755) (134) - | | (2,942) (169) 56 310 |
| Past service costs Net finance cost Actuarial gain/(loss) | (101) 1,240 | , c ol | , (81) (67) | I | (125) 115 |
| Deficit in the scheme at end of period | (1,797) | e | (2,877) | ı | (2,755) |

Pension scheme (Continued)

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Analysis of other pension costs charged in arriving at operating profit

| Gains on settlement and curtailment Past service cost Current service cost Analysis of amounts included in other finance income/costs | | | | | 2007 £000 196 Year ended 30 September 2007 | 2006 £000 - 134 Year ended 30 September 2006 £000 | (56) (56) (58) Year ended 30 September 2005 £000 |
|--|--|-------|------------------------------|--------------|---|---|---|
| Expected retum on pension scheme assets Interest on pension scheme liabilities | | | | · | 332 (433) | 309 | (386) |
| | | | | | (101) | (81) | (125) |
| Analysis of amounts recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses | losses year to 30 September 2007 | 2007 | year to 30 September 2006 | 2006 | year to 30 September 2005 | to ver 2005 | |
| | æ | 0003 | % | £000 | % | 0003 | |
| Annual ratum less expected ratum on scheme assets Percentage of year end scheme assets Experience gains and losses arising on scheme liabilities Percentage of present value of year end scheme liabilities Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of scheme liabilities Percentage of present value of year end scheme liabilities | vn vn ce | 357 | 5 1 (S) | 260 71 (398) | 1 1 (3) | 597 76 (559) | |
| Actuarial gain/loss recognised in statement of total recognised gains and losses Percentage of present value of year end scheme liabilities | 9 | 1,240 | £) | (67) | - | 115 | |