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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 1998

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group are shipbuilding, design, repairs and marine engineering.

Review of business and future developments

The consolidated profit and loss account for the year is set out on Page 7. Turnover has increased by over 65% in the 1997/8 year reflecting the successful completion of major contracts for both European and Far Eastern customers. Correspondingly the Group has seen a significant return to profitability which underlies a trend established in 1995 and 1996.

Total value of craft on order or under construction at 31 March 1998 is £25 million.

The Group is well positioned to take advantage of the current buoyancy in the European and American marketplaces although growth potential is restricted by financial uncertainty in the Far East.

The Directors remain confident that the Group's growing reputation in the fast ferry sector of the shipbuilding industry and its flexible approach will continue, notwithstanding the continued strength of sterling, to form a steady base for profitability over the coming years.

Results and Dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,628,000 (1997: Loss £2,009,000). It is recommended that this amount be transferred to reserves. Other movements in reserves are set out in note 18. The directors recommend that no dividend is paid (1997: £Nil).

Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 1998

Directors and their interests

The directors of the company are listed on page 2. All served on the Board throughout the year.

None of the directors had any interest, directly or indirectly, in the shares of the company, its ultimate holding company or any subsidiary thereof.

Employees

The Group's policy is to consult and discuss with employees matters likely to affect employees' interests, through unions, staff councils and at meetings.

Information on matters of concern to employees is given through information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the Group's performance.

The Group's policy is to recruit disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill. All necessary assistance with initial training courses is given. Once employed, a career plan is developed so as to ensure suitable opportunities for each disabled person. Arrangements are made, wherever possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

Insurance of directors

The Group maintains insurance for FBM Marine Holdings (UK) Limited's directors in respect of their duties as directors of the company.

Research and Development

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The Group continues its development programme in new hull forms and manufacturing techniques and ongoing projects are expected to make significant contributions towards future sales and profitability.

Year 2000

A year 2000 working group has been established to review the impact of the millennium bug on the Group's business and operations. Appropriate steps have already been taken to upgrade internal systems and consultations with business partners are now in hand to address future continuity of supply.

Current assessments of costs with the Year 2000 problem indicate a minimal financial impact on the Group's business resources.

Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 1998

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are required by UK company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the group for that year.

The directors confirm that suitable accounting policies have been used and applied consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates have been made in the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998. The directors also confirm that applicable accounting standards have been followed and that the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditors

Deloitte & Touche were appointed auditors during the year and a resolution to confirm their appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

T T Bushell Company Secretary

3\ July 1998

Report of the auditors to the members of FBM MARINE HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 31 in accordance with Accounting Standards which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on pages 11 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 5, 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 affairs of the company and the group as at 31 March 1998 and of the profit and cash flows of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche

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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors Mountbatten House 1 Grosvenor Square Southampton SO15 2BE

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Consolidated profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 1998.

Turnover Cost of sales Gross profit/(loss) Administrative expenses Operating profit/(loss)	Notes 2	1998 £000 29,167 (25,970) 3,197 (1,280)	1997 £000 17,568 (17,858) (290) (1,939)
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	5 6	2 (288)	460 (240)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7 8	1,631 3	(2,009)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	9, 18	1,628 =====	(2,009)

All the group's activities relate to continuing operations.

The group has no recognised gains and losses other than the results above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

Note of historical cost profits and losses: Reported profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
taxation Difference between a historical depreciation charge and	1,631	(2,009)
the actual depreciation charge of the year calculated on the revalued amount	21	21
Historical cost profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	1,652 =====	(1,988)
Historical cost profit/(loss) for the year retained after taxation and dividends	1,652 =====	(1,988) =====

FBM MARINE HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Consolidated balance sheet at 31 March 1998

	<u>Notes</u>	31 March <u>1998</u> £000	31 March <u>1997</u> £000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	10	855	990
Tangible assets	11	1,946	2,149
Investments	12	<u>68</u> 2,869	<u>68</u> 3,207
Current assets		•	
Stock	13	3,140	1,950
Debtors	14	9,051	10,884
Cash at bank and in hand		3	3
		12,194	12,837
Current liabilities		(4= 00=)	(40.440)
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(15,267)	(12,440)
within one year			
Net current (liabilities)/ assets		(3,073)	397
Total assets less current liabilities		(204)	3,604
nabinues		(=0.)	0,007
Creditors: Amounts falling	15	(104)	(5,641)
due after more than one year			
Provisions for liabilities and	16	(215)	(114)
charges			
		(523)	(2,151)
		=====	======
One ital and manage			
Capital and reserves	17	1,255	1,255
Called up share capital Capital reserve	18	1,233 538	538
Share premium account	18	49	49
Revaluation reserve	18	702	733
Profit and loss account	18	(3,067)	(4,726)
Curity alcombaldone' funds	18	(523)	(2.151)
Equity shareholders' funds	10	(523) =====	(2,151) =====

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 1998 and were signed on its behalf by:

John Warbey Director

Balance sheet at 31 March 1998

	<u>Notes</u>	31 March <u>1998</u> £000	31 March <u>1997</u> £000
Fixed assets Investments	12	30	30
Current assets Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	14	1,504	5,219
Current liabilities Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(1,314)	(35)
Net current assets		190	5,184
Total assets less current liabilities		220	5,214
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(39)	(5,033)
		181 =====	181
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and Loss account	17 18 18	1,255 49 (1,123)	1,255 49 (1,123)
Equity shareholders' funds		181 =====	181 =====

FBM MARINE HOLDINGS (UK) LIMITED AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES

Consolidated cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 1998

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
Cash flow from operating activities	19a	7,105	(373)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	19b	(286)	(234)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	19c	(217)	(170)
Cash inflow/(outflow) before use of liquid resources and financing		6,602	(777)
Financing (Decrease)/Increase in debt	19d	(7,074)	(6)
(Decrease) in cash in the period		(472) =====	(783) =====
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt (note 19)			
Decrease in cash in the period Cash inflow from decrease in		(472)	(783)
debt and lease financing		7,074	6
Movement in net debt in the period		6,602	(777)
Net debt at 1 April 1997		(7,547)	(6,770)
Net debt at 31 March 1998		(945)	(7,547) =====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

1. Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important group accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets. The Hong Kong Parkview Group Limited has undertaken to give such financial assistance as is necessary to the FBM group of companies. On the strength of such assurances, the financial statements have been prepared on the basis of a going concern.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the company and all its subsidiary undertakings. The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of their acquisition or up to the date of their disposal. Intra-group sales and profits are eliminated on consolidation.

As permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the parent's profit and loss account has not been included in these financial statements.

Associated undertakings

The group's share of profits less losses of associated undertakings is included in the consolidated profit and loss account, and the group's share of their net assets is included in the balance sheet. These amounts are derived from the latest audited financial statements of the undertakings concerned.

Development expenditure

Development expenditure relating to designs of a specific class of vessel intended for commercial exploitation is capitalised as an intangible asset. In 1996 the directors re-appraised the useful economic lives of certain assets and formed the view that the life of certain classes of vessel is ten years. Accordingly, the period of amortisation for these assets was extended from four years to ten years. Other design assets continue to be amortised over four years. Expenditure on pure and applied research is written off as incurred.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

Tangible fixed assets

The cost of fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost, or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal annual rates used for this purpose are:-

Freehold buildings

5%

Leasehold interest and

improvements

Over the life of the lease

Plant and equipment

5-20% per annum

Tooling

20 - 33 1/3% per annum

Motor vehicles

25% per annum

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Finance and operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease. Leasing agreements, which transfer to the group substantially all the benefits and risks of ownership of an asset, are treated as if the asset had been purchased outright. The assets are included in fixed assets and the capital element of the leasing commitments are shown as obligations under finance leases. The lease rentals are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The capital element is applied to reduce the outstanding obligations and the interest element is charged against profit in proportion to the reducing capital element outstanding. Assets held under finance leases are depreciated over the shorter of the lease terms and the useful lives of equivalent owned assets.

Stocks and work in progress, excluding long-term contracts

Stocks and work in progress are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. In general, cost is determined on a first in first out basis and includes transport and handling costs. In the case of manufactured products, cost includes all direct expenditure and production overheads based on the normal level of activity. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow moving and defective stocks.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

Long-term contracts

Turnover on long-term contracts is recognised according to the stage reached in the contract by reference to the value of work done. A prudent estimate of the profit attributable to work completed is recognised once the outcome of the contract can be assessed with reasonable certainty. The amount by which the turnover exceeds payments on account is shown under debtors as amounts recoverable on contracts. The costs on long-term contracts not yet taken to the profit and loss account less related foreseeable losses and payments on account are shown in stocks as long-term contract balances.

Foreign currencies

Income and expenditure are recognised in the profit and loss account at the exchange rate ruling at the transaction dates unless the transaction is subject to contract rates. Assets and liabilities in overseas currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account in the period in which they arise.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, sales between group companies and trade discounts, represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied and the value of long-term contract work done, including licence fees.

Investment income

Income from investments, other than from associated undertakings, is included, together with the related tax credit, in the consolidated profit and loss account on an accruals basis.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method, on all material timing differences to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

Pension scheme arrangements

The group operates a defined benefit pension scheme which is contracted out of the state scheme. The fund is valued every three years by a professionally qualified independent actuary, the rates of contribution payable being determined by the actuary. In the intervening years the actuary reviews the continuing appropriateness of the rates. Pension costs are accounted for on the basis of charging the expected

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

Pension scheme arrangements (continued)

cost of providing pensions over the year during which the company benefits from the employees' services.

The group does not provide any other post retirement benefits.

Government grants

Grants that relate to specific long term contracts are treated as deferred credits, which are then taken to the profit and loss account according to the stage reached in the contract by reference to the value of the work done.

2. Turnover

a. The Group carries out one class of business, being specialised ship design, licensing, building and related marine engineering.

Turnover may be analysed as follows:-

		<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Sales of marine craft and associated licence fees Less: Exceptional charge	29,167 - 29,167 ======	18,602 (1,034) 17,568
b.	Geographical market supplied:	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Europe (excl. the UK) Asia/Middle East Other	18,631 3,985 1,288	2,658 7,808 1,344
	Total overseas United Kingdom	23,904 5,263	11,810 5,758
Total		29,167 =====	17,568

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

2. Turnover (continued)

Sales to the Americas included £560,000 (1997: Nil) subcontract design work from another Hong Kong Parkview group Company. Sales to Asia/Middle East included sales of £3,868,213 (1997: £6,858,725) to group joint venture companies.

In 1997 an exceptional charge of £1,034,080 against turnover and profits was incurred in the year due to the amendment of contract terms in respect of ferries supplied in previous years to companies in the Far East in which the parent company has a 50% non controlling interest.

3.	Directors' emoluments	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Remuneration in aggregate: Emoluments (including benefits in kind)	4	44
	Pension contributions	11	11
	Other fees		<u>=</u>
		15	55
		#EC2#	=====

Two of the Company's directors are members of the defined benefit pension scheme referred to in Note 23.

4. Employee information

The average weekly number of persons (including executive directors) employed by the group during the year was:-

	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	Number	Number
By activity		4.40
Direct	166	149
Indirect	89	104
	255	253
		=====
	£000	£000
Staff costs (for above persons)		
Wages and salaries	4,684	4,555
Social security costs	408	389
Other pension costs (see note 23)	272	224
	5,364	5,168
	======	=====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

5.	Interest receivable and similar income	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Interest on cash deposit Interest receivable from group	2	6
	company	-	454
		 2	460
			====
6.	Interest payable and similar charges	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	285	159
	Other loans	20	36
	On finance leases	(17)	45
		288	240
		=====	====
7.	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		
	is stated after charging/(crediting):- Amortisation of Government grants	(305)	(226)
	Depreciation charge for the year	(0-0)	(/
	 tangible owned fixed assets tangible fixed assets held under 	308	300
	finance leases	112	104
	Amortisation of intangible assets	135	147
	Operating leases		
	 hire of plant and machinery 	36	57
	- other operating leases	34	119
	Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(130)	34
	Auditors' remuneration:	24	24
	- Audit	23	46
	- Non audit	20	70
		=====	=====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

8.	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
		£000	£000
	United Kingdom corporation tax		
	at 31% (1997 - 33%)		
	Current	3	-
		=====	=====

The Group has tax losses to carry forward against future years of approximately £4,400,000, which have yet to be agreed by the Inland Revenue (1997: £6,500,000).

9. Profit/(loss) for the financial year

As permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the holding company's profit and loss account has not been included in these statements. Of the profit for the financial year, £Nil is dealt with in the financial statements of the company, (1997: £NIL).

10. Intangible fixed assets

Class Designs and Deferred <u>Development Costs</u> £000

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Cost	
At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	2,197 =====
Amortisation	
At 1 April 1997 Charge for the year	1,207 135
At 31 March 1998	1,342 ====
Net book value	
At 31 March 1998	855
At 31 March 1997	990
	=====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

11. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Lease- hold improve- ments	Plant, equipment, tooling & vehicles	Total
GROUP Cost or valuation	£000	£000	£000	£000
At 1 April 1997 Additions	1,845 -	265 -	2,930 217	5,040 217
At 31 March 1998	1,845	265	3,147	5,257
Depreciation				
At 1 April 1997 Charge for the year	637 80	215 8	2,039 332	2,891 420
At 31 March 1998	717	223	2,371	3,311
Net book value				
At 31 March 1998	1,128 =====	42 ====	776 ====	1,946 =====
At 31 March 1997	1,208 =====	50 =====	891 =====	2,149 =====

The net book value of plant, equipment, tooling and vehicles includes an amount of £274,091 (1997: £265,350) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

11. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Cost or valuation at 31 March 1998 is represented by:-

	Land and buildings	Lease- hold improve-	Plant, equipment, tooling &	Total
	bananigo	ments	vehicles	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Valuation in 1988				
- Freehold	1,450	=	•	1,450
- Short leasehold	50	_	-	50
Cost	345	265	3,147	3,757
	1,845	265	3,147	5,257
	=====	=====	=== =	=====

Land and buildings were revalued on the basis of an open market valuation for existing use at 31 December 1988 by Druce & Company, Surveyors. No valuation of land and buildings has been carried out since 31 December 1988, but the directors are of the opinion that there has been no permanent diminution in the value of the assets to the FBM group since that date.

If certain freehold land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included at the following amounts:-

	31 March <u>1998</u> £000	31 March <u>1997</u> £000
Cost Depreciation	1,014 (588)	1,014 (452)
Net book value based on cost	426 ====	562 =====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

12. Investments

Group	Associated undertakings	Trade investments	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Cost or valuation At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	<u>250</u>	68	<u>318</u>
Amounts written off At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	_ 250	-	250
Net book value At 31 March 1997 and 31 March 1998	- =====	68 =====	68 ====
Company		Associated	
	Subsidiaries	Undertakings	Total
	£000	000£	£000
Cost or valuation At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	3,241	250	3,491
Amounts written off At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	3,211	250	3,461
Net book value At 31 March 1997 and 31 March 1998	30		30

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

12. Investments (continued)

Interest in group und	-		_	
	Country of incorporation or			ortion of al value of
Name of	registration	Description of		d shares
Undertaking	and operation	Shares held	he	eld by
Subsidiaries			Group %	Company %
FBM Marine Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
FBM Support Services Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
Brooke Marine Shipbuilders Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	-
And the following dormant companies				
FBM Shipbuilders Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
FBM Commercial Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
FBM Workboats	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
Limited FBM Marine Group Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
FBM Design Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
FBM International	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	100
Limited FBM Allday Marine	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	-
Limited Cheverton Marine Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	100	-
Associated Undertakings:				_
FBV Designs Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary £1 Shares	50	50

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

12. Investments (continued)

FBM Marine Limited, FBM Support Services Limited and Brooke Marine Shipbuilders Limited all carry on business within the scope of activities referred to in Note 2a.

13.	Stock	Group Company			npany
		31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
		<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
		£000	£000	£000	£000
	Raw materials and				
	consumables	799	209	-	-
	Work in progress	52	399	-	_
	Less: applicable payments				
	on account	(33)	(239)	-	_
	Finished goods	-	, ,	-	-
	Timorica goods	818	<u>2</u> 371		
	Long-term contract				
	work in progress				
	(Net cost less				
	foreseeable losses)	2,322	1,579	-	_
	101000000000000000000000000000000000000	_,	.,		
		3,140	1,950		
		=====	=====	=====	=====
14.	Debtors	G	roup	Con	npany
14.	Debtors	G 31 March	roup 31 March	Con 31 March	n pany 31 March
14.	Debtors	31 March	•		
14.	Debtors		31 March	31 March	31 March
14.		31 March <u>1998</u> £000	31 March <u>1997</u> £000	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on	31 March <u>1998</u> £000	31 March <u>1997</u> £000	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 3,551	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding	31 March 1998 £000 3,551 963	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 3,551	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u>	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings	31 March 1998 £000 3,551 963	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March 1997 £000
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800 1,584 6,273	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March <u>1997</u>
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March 1997 £000
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800 1,584 6,273	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March 1997 £000 -
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings Other debtors	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800 1,584 6,273	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March 1997 £000
14.	Trade debtors Amounts recoverable on contracts Amounts owed by holding companies Amounts owed by fellow subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings Other debtors Prepayments and accrued	31 March	31 March 1997 £000 1,800 1,584 6,273	31 March <u>1998</u> £000 -	31 March 1997 £000

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14. Debtors (continued)

Amounts recoverable on contracts includes gross incremental costs of £733,562 incurred by the group in a prior year as a result of the failure of certain components being supplied to FBM Marine Limited. The Company is continuing to vigorously pursue claims to recover these costs and other consequential losses against the suppliers of the components. Until such time as the claims are finalised and agreed by the suppliers, the precise outcome of the claims cannot be determined. However, the directors are confident that the net amounts included in the accounts will be recovered in full.

Included in prepayments and accrued income is an amount of £101,250 (1997: £116,250) which falls due after more than one year. The amounts owed by the subsidiary undertakings to the Company fall due after more than one year.

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15 Creditors

	G	roup	Con	npany
Amounts falling due within	31 March 1998	31 March 1997	31 March 1998	31 March 1997
one year	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank overdraft (secured)	1,738	1,266	-	_
Bank loan (secured)	500	500	-	-
Obligations under finance				
leases	110	143	-	_
Payments received on account	3,578	4,594	-	_
Trade creditors	4,256	3,462	-	-
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	, -	-	1,314	35
Amounts owed to fellow			•,•	
subsidiary undertakings Amounts owed to related	-	17	-	-
undertakings	48	67	_	_
Other taxation and social	70	01		
security	135	121	_	_
Other creditors	280	783		_
Accruals and deferred income	4,622	1,487	-	-
	15,267	12,440	1,314	35
	======	======	======	=====
Amounts falling due after mo	re			
than one year				
mun one you.	Gre	oup	Cor	npany
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	1998	1997	1998	1997
	£000	0003	£000	£000
Bank loan (secured)	••	500	-	-
Other loan (unsecured)	39	88	39	88
Owed to holding company Obligations under finance leases:	-	4,945	-	4,945
Due between 2 and 5				
years	65	108	-	-
	104	5,641	39	5,033

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

15. Creditors (continued)

Loans

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Amounts owed both on other loan (unsecured) and to holding company are interest free with no fixed date for repayment. However, no repayment falls due within one year. The bank loan and overdraft are secured by a fixed charge over the freehold property at Cowes Shipyard and by a floating charge over the assets of the group, together with a corporate guarantee given by the ultimate holding company.

Finance leases are secured on the assets to which they relate.

	Bank	Other	
	Loans	Loans	Total
	£000	£000	£000
Repayable:			
In one year or less	500	_	500
Between 2 and 5 years	-	39	39
Detween 2 and 5 years	-	Ų.	
	500	39	539
	====	=====	=====
		<u> </u>	
Finance leases:		<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
Finance leases.		£000	£000
		2000	2000
Evoiring within one year		110	143
Expiring within one year		110	1-10
Expiring between two and five		65	108
years inclusive		05	100
		175	251
			251 =====
Provisions for liabilities and cl	narges		
_			
Group			£000
			£000
Provision for warranty costs:			
			114
At 1 April 1997			
Utilised			(119)
Provided in the year			220
At 31 March 1998			215
			=====

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16. Provision for liabilities and charges (continued)

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation provided in the financial statements and the total potential liability including the amounts for which provision has been made, are as follows:-

Group	Total potential			otential
•	Amount	provided	liability	
	31 March	31 March	31 March	31 March
	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Tax effect of timing differences because of excess of tax allowances				
over depreciation	365	338	365	338
Less trading losses available	(365)	(338)	(365)	(338)
				
	=====	======	55255	

No provision is made for deferred taxation in respect of the revalued properties since they are not expected to give rise to any chargeable gains on disposal.

17. Called up share capital

•	31 March	31 March
	<u> 1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	£000	£000
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
	=====	=====
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,255	1,255
	======	=====

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1998

18. Share premium account and reserves

	Capital Reserve	Share Premium	Revalu- ation Reserve	Profit & Loss Account
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Group At 1 April 1997 Transfer from revaluation	538	49	733	(4,726)
reserve to profit and loss account	-	-	(31)	31
Profit for the financial year At 31 March 1998			702	<u>1,628</u> (3,067)
Company At 1 April 1997 and 31 March 1998	-	49 ====	-	(1,123) =====
Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds		<u>1998</u> £000		<u>1997</u> £000
Opening equity shareholders' funds Profit/(loss) for the financial year		(2,151) 1,628		(142) (2,009)
Closing equity shareholders' funds		(523) =====		(2,151)

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19. Analysis of Cash Flows for Headings Netted in the Cash Flow Statement

a.Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
Operating activities		
Operating profit/(loss) Depreciation on tangible fixed assets Amortisation on intangible fixed assets (Increase) in stocks (Increase) in non group trade debtors Decrease in amounts recoverable on contracts. Decrease in amounts due from group companies Decrease/increase) in other debtors (Increase)/decrease in prepayments and accrued income Increase/(decrease) in trade creditors (Decrease)/increase in payments received on account Increase/(decrease) in other taxation and social security (Decrease)/increase in other creditors Increase/(decrease) in accruals and deferred income Increase in warranty provisions	1,917 420 135 (1,190) (1,751) 621 4,988 271 (824) 794 (1,016) 11 (507) 3,135 101	(2,229) 404 147 (1,151) (384) 2,107 57 (447) 495 (275) 545 (141) 595 (200) 104
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	7,105	(373)
b. Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Interest paid Interest paid on finance leases	2 (305) 17	6 (195) (45)
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	<u>(286)</u>	<u>(234)</u>

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TOTAL

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19. Analysis of Cash Flows for Headings Netted in the Cash Flow Statement (continued)

c. Capital expenditure and financial investment			<u>1998</u> £000	<u>1997</u> £000
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Development expenditure capitalised			(217) -	(124) (46)
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure and financial investment			(217)	<u>(170)</u>
d. Financing Debt due within a year; Repayment of secured loan			(500)	(513)
Debt due beyond a year (Decrease)/Increase in group loan Repayment of unsecured loan Capital element of finance lease rental payments Inception of finance leases			(6,449) (49)	683 (48)
			(197) <u>121</u>	(128)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from financing			<u>(7,074</u>)	<u>(6)</u>
Analysis of Net Debt				
Analysis of changes in financing	g during the ye	ar:-	Other Non	At
	At 1 April	Cash	Cash	31 March

	At 1 April 1997 £000	Cash Flow £000	Cash Changes £000	31 March 1998 £000
Cash in hand Overdrafts	3 (1,266)	(472)	-	3 (1,738)
Debt due after 1 year Debt due within 1 year Finance leases	(500) (588) (251)	549 76	461 (461) -	(39) (500) (175)
Holding company loan	(4,945)	6,449	-	1,504

(7,547)

6,602

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(945)

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21. Financial commitments

At 31 March 1998 the company had annual commitments under noncancellable operating leases as follows:-

	<u>1998</u> Land and Buildings	Other	<u>1997</u> Land and Other Buildings Other		
	000 <u>3</u>	£000	£000	£000	
Expiring within one year Expiring between two	5	5	-	. 2	
and five years	23	23	30	19	
Expiring over five years	10	-	6	1	
	38	28	36	22	
	=====	=====	======	=====	

22. Contingent liabilities

Group

At 31 March 1998 the group had performance bonds and advance payment guarantees of £4,606,956 (1997: £6,811,274).

Company

The company has a contingent liability with other group companies in respect of a group election for Value Added Tax.

The company has a contingent liability with other group companies in respect of group banking facilities where it guarantees the group overdraft.

23. Pension and similar obligations

The group operates a pension scheme (FBM Marine Pension Plan) providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group, being invested with managed funds. Contributions to the Scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over employees' working lives with the group. The contributions are determined by a professionally qualified independent actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method.

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23. Pension and similar obligations (continued)

The pension charge for the year was £271,670 (1997: £223,976) excluding additional contributions.

The most recent valuation was at 1 April 1996. This indicated an actuarial surplus of £142,000. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments and the rates of increase in salaries and pensions. It was assumed that the investment returns would be 9% per annum, that salary increases would average 7.5% per annum. No allowance was made for present and future pensions increase.

The most recent actuarial valuation showed that the market value of the Scheme's assets was £3,305,717, and that the actuarial value of those assets represented 105% of the benefits that had accrued to members, after allowing for expected future increases in earnings. The contributions of the group and employees will be 11.4% and 4% of earnings respectively.

24. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 8 not to disclose transactions with group companies that are eliminated on consolidation.

25. Ultimate Holding Company

FBM Marine Holdings (UK) Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of FBM Marine International Limited, a company registered in the British Virgin Islands. Copies of FBM Marine International Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Secretary, FBM Marine International Limited, 88 Tai Tam Reservoir Road, Hong Kong.

The ultimate holding company is The Hong Kong Parkview Group Limited a company registered in Bermuda. Copies of The Hong Kong Parkview Group Limited's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Secretary, The Hong Kong Parkview Group Limited, 88 Tai Tam Reservoir Road, Hong Kong.