IC INSURANCE

Annual Report 1994



IC Insurance Limited

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Report of the Directors

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their Report together with the Accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 1994. These will be laid before the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 4 May 1995 at 1 Adam Street, London WC2N 6AW.

Principal Activity

The principal activity of the Company, and its subsidiary undertaking, is the underwriting of general insurance business. There were no significant changes to this activity during the year and there are currently no plans for changes in 1995.

Results The consolidated profit for the year after providing for taxation was £7,432,000.

The Directors recommend the payment of an ordinary dividend of £19,000,000 (33 pence per share) and that this be confirmed and termed the Final Dividend for the year.

An amount of £11,568,000 has been transferred from reserves.

Directors The Directors of the Company at the end of the year were as follows:-

G.M. Connell (Chairman)

A.J. Fleming

D. Taylor

N. Lyle

(appointed 10 August 1994)

D.A. Searles

(appointed 10 August 1994)

J. Carruthers was appointed a Director of the Company on 15 March 1995 and A.J. Fleming resigned as a Director on the same date.

Tom Heyes, a Non-Executive Director of the Company since 1991, died on 30 July 1994. He made an invaluable contribution to the Company's affairs and the Board will miss his wise counsel.

The interests of the Directors in office at the end of the year in the shares and debentures of Zeneca Group PLC (the ultimate parent) and its subsidiaries are shown in Note 21 to the Accounts.

Insurance for Directors and Officers The ultimate parent undertaking maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance, under which the Directors and Officers of the Company and its subsidiary undertaking are covered against liabilities which they may incur personally as a consequence of claims made against them alleging breach of duty or other wrongful acts or omissions in their capacity as Directors or Officers.

Auditors On 6 February 1995 our auditors changed the name under which they practise to KPMG and have, accordingly, signed their report in their new name.

> In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the Company is to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Report of the Directors (continued)

Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Preparation of

Financial Statements

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to insurance companies. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- (a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- (b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- (d) 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 maintaining 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 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.

On behalf of the Board

1 Adam Street London WC2N 6AW 31 March 1995

D. Taylor Secretary

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

For the Year Ended 31 December 1994

	Note	1994 £000	1993 £000
(Loss) profit from insurance operations	2	(6,059)	1,216
Share of profits of associated undertakings	3	588	1,619
Profit on sale of fixed assets		9	2
Investment income	4	18,894	18,714
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	13,432	21,551
Taxation on ordinary activities	6	6,000	9,496
Profit for the financial year		7,432	12,055
Dividends	7	19,000	24,500
Retained loss for the year		(11,568)	(12,445)
Retained profit brought forward		18,200	30,645
Retained profit carried forward		6,632	18,200
STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAIN	S AND	LOSSES	
		1994 £000	1993 £000
Net profit for the financial year		7,432	12,055
Dividends		(19,000)	(24,500)
Foreign currency translation differences and recognised exchange gains and losses (net)		(2,019)	1,416
Realised (losses) gains on sales of investments		(900)	9,546
Unrealised (losses) gains on investments		(21,828)	1,681
Total recognised (losses) gains relating to the year		(36,315)	198

The notes on pages 9 to 20 form an integral part of these accounts.

Balance Sheet

At 31 December 1994			Group 1993 As restated		ı	mpany 1993 As restated
		Note	1994 £000	(See No 1(a)) £000	te 1994 £000	(Sec Note 1(a)) £000
	Assets employed:					
	Investments	8	184,592	131,633	93,292	25,329
	Tangible fixed assets		513	315	513	315
	Current asssets Debtors Deferred acquisition costs Short-term deposits Cash	9 10	39,955 244 63,587 21,760	48,851 - 157,074 21,046	29,096 244 55,013 21,760	36,116 - 152,386 21,045
			125,546	226,971	106,113	209,547
	Reinsurers' share of insurance funds	11	167,339	134.935	87,189	80,352
	Total assets		477,990	493.854	287,107	315,543
	Current liabilities Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	12	(81,078)	(65.725)	(73,664)	(65,247)
	Total assets less current liabilities	i	396,912	428,129	213,443	250,296
	Insurance funds	13	(310,739)	(305,641)	(144,489)	(165,150)
	Net assets		86,173	122,488	68,954	85,146
	Financed by:					
	Share capital Reserves	14 15	57,576 28,597	57.576 64.912	57,576 11,378	57,576 27,570
	Shareholder's funds	16	86,173	122,488	68,954	85,146
	These accounts were approved by the Board of Directors on 31 March 1995 and were signed on its behalf by:	: •	G.M. CO1	nnell, c	HAIRMAI	N

The notes on pages 9 to 20 form an integral part of these accounts.

Statement of Group Cash Flow

For the Year Ended 31 December 1994

	Note	1994 £000	1993 £000
Net cash outflow from operating activities	17	(15,752)	(12,384)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received Dividends received Liquidation distribution received from associated undertaking Dividends paid Net cash inflow from returns on investments	18	18,418 962 4,000 (11,000)	2,042 13,427 (29,100)
and servicing of finance			5,266
Tax paid		(7,012)	(7,780)
Investment activities Purchases of investments Sales of investments Purchases of short-term deposits maturing after three months Sales of short-term deposits maturing after three months Purchases of tangible fixed assets Sales of tangible fixed assets			
Net cash (outflow) inflow from investing activities		(76,796)	16,892
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(87,180)	1,994
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		167,527	165,533
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	19	80,347	167,527

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 255 of, and Schedule 9A to, the Companies Act 1985 applicable to insurance companies. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting for Insurance Business, issued by the Association of British Insurers except for the deferral of internal acquisition expenses and provision for internal claims settlement expenses which are not considered to be material items.

The Group accounts consolidate the accounts of IC Insurance Limited and its subsidiary undertaking. The accounts of the subsidiary undertaking have been made up to 30 September 1994 in order to avoid undue delay in the presentation of the Group accounts.

Certain comparative figures in the balance sheet have been grossed up to conform with the accounting standard FRS5, Reporting the Substance of Transactions which became effective in 1994. The changes have had no effect on the reported profit for 1993. The Company has taken advantage of the transitional amendment to FRS5, which defers the effective date of certain of the requirements of FRS5 to the extent that they relate to insurance broking transactions.

b) Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments, which have been valued in accordance with notes 1(e) and 1(f) below.

c) Underwriting results

i) Marine insurance

The result of marine, aviation and transit ("MAT") business is determined two years after the end of the year in which such business is transacted. Written premiums are accounted for in the applicable accounting period by reference to the inception date. Premiums are shown gross of commission. The net underwriting income on each open year is carried forward in the fund, the adequacy of which is assessed annually. For closed years, the fund carried forward comprises outstanding claims, including, where appropriate, a provision for claims incurred but not reported.

ii) Non-marine insurance and reinsurance

The result of non-marine business is determined on an annual basis (except as noted below) after making provisions for unearned premiums and outstanding claims, including claims incurred but not reported. Unearned premiums are calculated on the daily pro-rata basis, taking into account the risk profile of the contracts. Acquisition costs are deferred and charged to the accounting periods in which related premiums are earned. Where the underwriting result of business in force cannot be determined with reasonable certainty at the end of the contract year, in respect of proportional and non-proportional treaty reinsurance, net premiums less claims paid and expenses in respect of the open year of account are carried forward in the fund, which is increased, if necessary, to meet the estimated settlement cost of all outstanding liabilities.

iii) Provision for claims (including claims incurred but not reported)

Provisions for notified claims at 31 December each year are determined on an individual case basis after taking into account anticipated reinsurance recoveries. The provisions for claims incurred but not reported at the balance sheet date are made on the basis of the best information currently available and having regard to past claims experience which is reviewed regularly. While management believes that the provisions for losses are fairly stated, subsequent information and events may show that the ultimate liability is less than or in excess of the amount provided. The methods used and estimates made are continually reviewed and any resulting adjustments are reported in current earnings.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

d) Foreign exchange

Assets, liabilities and income and expenditure items arising in foreign currencies have been translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Net exchange gains are credited to the exchange reserve. Net exchange losses are dealt with through the profit and loss account.

e) Investments (excluding associated undertakings)

Investments comprise listed and unlisted investments. Listed investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. Unlisted investments are stated at cost. Realised and unrealised gains and losses arising from disposals and holdings of investments are taken directly to the investment reserve.

f) Associated Undertakings

The Group's share of profits of the associated undertakings is included in the consolidated profit and loss account on the equity accounting basis. The carrying value of the associated undertakings in the Group balance sheet represents the Group's equity in the net tangible assets of the associated undertakings as shown by the most recent accounts available, adjusted where appropriate.

g) Taxation

The charge for taxation is based upon 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. Provision is made for deferred taxation only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise. In particular, no provision is made for the potential liability which would arise on the disposal of investments at their balance sheet valuation, as such contingency is considered to be remote.

h) Pension Costs

The pension costs are assessed in accordance with the advice of independent qualified actuaries. The amounts so determined include the regular cost of providing the benefits under the plans which it is intended should remain a level percentage of current and expected future earnings of the employees covered under the plans. Variations from the regular pension cost are spread on a systematic basis over the estimated average remaining service lives of current employees in the plans.

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2. GROUP (LOSS) PROFIT FROM INSURANCE OPERATIONS

	MAT 1994 £000	Non- Marine 1994 £000	MAT 1993 £000	Non- Marine 1993 £000
Gross written premiums Premiums ceded	7,967 (13,876)	79,405 (56,749)	10,154 (2,733)	156,809 (92,716)
Premiums retained Opening unearned premium provision Closing unearned premium provision	(5,909)	22,656 22,958 (4,263)	7,421 - -	64,093 22,664 (22,958)
Net earned premiums	(5,909)	40,991	7,421	63,799
Claims paid Claims recovered	3,425 (3,994)	65,906 (23,831)	3,997 (419)	61,327 (20,271)
	(569)	42,075	3,578	41,056
Opening outstanding claims Closing outstanding claims	- -	(121,621) 118,094	-	(104,699)
Claims incurred	(569)	38,548	3,578	57,978
Commissions and acquisition costs Movement in deferred acquisition costs Management expenses Decrease (increase) in funds Exchange adjustment	(15) - (417) 5,297 25	(4,614) 244 (2,805) 147 (1,565)	(306) (751) 105	(6,660) (2,099) (206) 243
Underwriting (loss) profit	(450)	(6,150)	2,891	(2,901)
Underwriting (loss) profit: MAT Non-Marine Agency Commissions		1994 £000 (450) (6,150) 541		1993 £000 2,891 (2,901) 1,226
Profit (loss) from insurance operations		(6,059)		1,216

Gross written premiums of £87,372,000 (1993 - £166,963,000) include £24,729,000 (1993 - £28,192,000) underwritten by the subsidiary undertaking in the Cayman Islands. The balance of £62,643,000 (1993 - £138,771,000) was underwritten in the United Kingdom.

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3.	SHARE OF PROFITS OF ASSOCIATED UNDERTAKINGS		1994 £000	1993 £000
		Dividend income Share of undistributed profits	962 (374)	1,619
			588	1,619
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	Investment income is stated net of expenses of £320,000 (1993 -	£302,000).	
5.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1994 £000	1993 £000
		Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:-		•
		Depreciation of fixed assets Auditors' remuneration	133	162
		Audit Other services	43 7	48 9
6.	TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	The taxation charged for the year comprises:-	1994 £000	1993 £000
		UK Corporation tax on the profit for the year at 33% (1993 - 33%) Current	4,169	8,306 46
		Prior Tax attributable to Franked Investment Income Overseas tax	1,684 147	80 1,064
			6,000	9,496
		No income or capital taxes are payable in the countries of subsidiary and associated undertakings.	incorporatio	n of the
7.	DIVIDENDS .		1994 £000	1993 £000
		Interim - (1993 paid 30 June 1993) Final - payable in 1995 (1993 - paid 30 June 1994)	19,000	13,500 11,000
			19,000	24,500

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8.	IN\	/FST	ΓMF	NTS

	Group		Company	
	1994 £000	1993 £000	1994 £000	1993 £000
Listed investments: Investments listed on The London Stock Exchange	153,583	95,195	84,413	15,497
Other listed investments	28,088	28,395	-	953
	181,671	123,590	84,413	16,450
Unlisted investments: Subsidiary undertaking Associated undertakings Other investments	2,390 531	7,008 1,035	6,926 1,953	6,926 1,953
	2,921	8,043	8,879	8,879
	184,592	131,633	93,292	25,329

The Company holds the following unlisted investment in a subsidiary undertaking:-

	Country of Incorporation	Class of Share	Percentage of Ordinary Share Capital held
Arbil International Insurance Limited (Insurance company)	Cayman Islands	Ordinary Shares of £1 each	100%

The Company holds the following unlisted investments in associated undertakings:-

Blair International Insurance Ltd. (in members' voluntary liquidation) (Insurance company)	Bermuda	Ordinary Shares of US\$10 each	50%
Blair International Insurance (Cayman) Limited (Insurance company)	Cayman Islands	Ordianry Shares of US\$1 each	50%

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8. INVESTMENTS (continued)

The amount at which the investment in associated undertakings is stated is based upon, in the case of Blair International Insurance (Cayman) Limited ("Blair Cayman"), management accounts made up to 30 September 1994 and, in the case of Blair International Insurance Ltd. (in members' voluntary liquidation) ("Blair Bermuda"), the liquidator's account at 31 December 1994. Blair Bermuda was wound up on 10 March 1995.

The investment in associated undertakings is made up as follows:-

	Blair	Blair	1994	1003
	£000) (Bermuda) £000	Total £000	1993 £000
Nominal value of shares in the company issued on acquisition	-	650	650	650
Undistributed pre-acquisition profits and reserves	-	13,158	13,158	13,158
	-	13,808	13,808	13,808
Cost of shares in the company issued at formation	1,303	-	1,303	1,303
Exchange gain	(22)	3,209	3,187	3,431
Group share of undistributed post-acquisition profits	378	1,141	1,519	1,893
Liquidation distribution		(17,427)	(17,427)	(13,427)
	1,659	731	2,390	7,008

9. DEBTORS - amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Com	pany
	1994	1993	1994	1993
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Insurance and reinsurance				
balances receivable	32,352	32,366	20,732	18,840
Amounts due from parent undertaking	_	9,064	_	9,064
Amounts due from subsidiary undertaking	_	-	3,192	4,686
Amounts due from associated undertaking	1,579	_	1,579	-
Other debtors	575	439	575	439
Prepayments and accrued income	4,341	4,874	1,910	979
Corporation tax paid in advance	945	1,945	945	1,945
Advance corporation tax repayable	163	163	163	163
	39,955	48,851	29,096	36,116

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10. SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS		Gr	oup	Con	npany
		1994 £000	1993 £000	1994 £000	1993 £000
	Deposits maturing within 3 months Deposits maturing after 3 months	58,587 5,000	146,481 10,593	50,013 5,000	141,793 10,593
		63,587	157,074	55,013	152,386
11. REINSURERS' SHARE OF INSURANCE FUNDS					
	Group	MAT £000	Non- Marine £000	1994 Total £000	1993 Total £000
	Open years Closed years	173	4,640	4,813	4,014
	Unearned pemiums Provision for claims	96	9,962 152,468	9,962 152,564	21,082 109,839
		269	167,070	167,339	134,935
	Company	MAT £000	Non- Marine £000	1994 Total £000	1993 Total £000
	Open years Closed years	173	1,640	1,813	4,014
	Unearned pemiums Provision for claims	96	9,962 75,318	9,962 75,414	22,862 53,476
		269	86,920	87,189	80,352

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12. CREDITORS - amounts falling due within one year		Gre	oup	Con	npany
		1994 £000	1993 £000	1994 £000	1993 £000
	Insurance and reinsurance balances payable Amounts due to parent undertaking	49,320 2,118	42,223	42,079 2,118	41,8 1 7 -
	Amounts due to group undertakings Amounts due to associated undertaking	9,043	5,209 3,611	9,043	5,209 3,611
	Corporation tax payable	129	2,141	129	2,141
	Accruals	1,468	1,541 11,000	1,295	1,469
	Dividends payable	19,000		19,000	
		81,078	65,725	73,664	65,247
13. INSURANCE FUNDS					
	Group		Non-	1994	1993
		MAT £000	Marine £000	Total £000	Total £000
	Open years Closed years	995	24,042	25,037	29,530
	Unearned pemiums Provision for claims	- 555	14,585 270,562	14,585 271,117	44,040 232,071
	•	1.550	200 100	210.720	305,641
		1,550	309,189	310,739	=====
	Company		Non-	1994	1993
	•	MAT	Marine	Total	Total
		£000	£000	£000	£000
	Open years Closed years	995	9,177	10,172	29,614
	Unearned pemiums	-	14,415	14,415	38,180
	Provision for claims	555	119,347	119,902	97,356
		1,550	142,939	144,489	165,150

14. SHARE CAPITAL	1994 £000	
	orised: 75,000,000 Ordinary Shares 1 each (1993 - 75,000,000) 75,000	

Alloted, called up and fully paid:

57,575,700 Ordinary Shares of £1 each

57,576 57,576

1993 £000

75,000

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15. RESERVES

	Gr	oup	Company		
	1994 £000	1993 £000	1994 £000	1993 £000	
Profit and loss account Investment reserve Exchange reserve	6,632 21,027 938	18,200 42,023 4,689	10,449 968 (39)	15,581 11,536 453	
	28,597	64,912	11,378	27,570	
	Gro	oup	Com	pany	
	1994 £000	1993 £000	1994 £000	1993 £000	
Movement in reserves:- Profit and loss account at 1 January (Loss) Profit retained for the year	18,200 (11,568)	30,645 (12,445)	15,581 (5,132)	10,419 5,162	
At 31 December	6,632	18,200	10,449	15,581	
Investment and exchange reserves At 1 January Movements in the year	46,712 (24,747)	34,069 12,643	11,989 (11,060)	10,325 1,664	
At 31 December	21,965	46,712	929	11,989	

By virtue of Section 230 (4) of the Companies Act 1985, the Company is exempt from the requirement to present a profit and loss account. Of the consolidated profit after tax of £7,432,000 (1993 – £12,055,000), a profit of £13,868,000 (1993 – £29,662,000) has been dealt with in the accounts of the Company.

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16. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS	1994 £000	1993 £000
Net profit for the financial year Dividends	7,432 (19,000)	12,055 (24,500)
	(11,568)	(12,445)
Foreign currency translation differences and recognised exchange gains and losses (net)	(2,019)	1,416
Realised (losses) gains on sales of investment	s (900)	9,546
Unrealised (losses) gains on investments	(21,828)	1,681
Capital and reserves attributable to parent company at beginning of year	122,488	122,290
Capital and reserves attributable to parent company at end of year	86,173	122,488
17. NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Gro	oup
	1994 £000	1993 £000
(Loss) profit from insurance operations Depreciation Profit on sales of fixed assets Debtors decrease Creditors (decrease) increase Insurance funds increase (net)	(6,059) 133 9 14,186 13,450 (27,305)	1,216 162 2 7,841 (41,445) 21,620
Deferred acquisition costs decrease Realised movements on exchange and investment reserve	(244) (9,922)	(1,780)
	(15,752)	(12,384)
18. DIVIDENDS PAID	Gro	oup
	1994 £000	1993 £000
Dividend paid by the Company Dividend paid by subsidiary undertaking to	11,000	22,500
its previous parent		6,600
	11,000	29,100

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19. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	Gro	oup
	1994 £000	1993 £000
Cash at bank and in hand	21,760	21,046
Short-term deposits maturing within 3 months (See note 10)	58,587	146,481
	80,347	167,527

20. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

Directors' emoluments for the year amounted to £165,345 (1993 - £271,648).

Excluding pension contributions, the emoluments of the Chairman, who was also the highest paid Director, were £62,821 (1993 - £84,658). The emoluments (exclusive of pension contributions) of all Directors were within the following ranges:-

£		£	1994	1993
0	-	5,000	3	1
15,001	-	20,000	-	1
35,001	-	40,000	1	
40,001	-	45,000	1	-
55,001	-	60,000	-	1
60,001	-	65,000	1	_
75,001	-	80,000	-	1
80,001	-	85,000	-	1

21. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS

The interests of the Directors in office at the end of the year in the shares, stock and debentures of the companies in Zeneca Group PLC ("Zeneca") (the ultimate holding company) were as follows:-

Director	Debenture class of Stock/Share Debenture	Holding at 1 January 1994 or date of appointment	Holding at 31 December 1994	Shares under option as at 1 January 1994 or date of appointment	Options Granted	Options Exercised	Shares under option at 31 December 1994
G.M. Connell	Zeneca Ordinary Shares	3433	2117	58668	2344	6417	54595
A.J. Fleming	Zeneca Ordinary Shares	2594	1528	-	9910	-	9910
D. Taylor	Zeneca Ordinary Shares	-	-		915	-	915
N. Lyle	Zeneca Ordinary Shares	5043	14000	72003	1372	42026	31349
D.A. Searles	Zeneca Ordinary Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-

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22. PENSIONS

Pension provision was made through the participation of IC Insurance Limited in the ICI Pension Fund. This position, which formed part of the arrangements for the demerger of Zeneca from the ICI Group, continued until 31 March 1994. Zeneca Limited established a new pension fund, with effect from 1 April 1994, and took over from the ICI Fund the liabilities and the related fund assets of Zeneca's active members, the deferred pensioners and pensioners whose last employment was with a Zeneca business. A full actuarial review of the new Zeneca Pension Fund took place as at 1 April 1994 and will be undertaken triennially. Particulars of the actuarial valuation of the Group's scheme are contained in the financial statements of Zeneca Group PLC.

The total pension cost for the Company for 1994 was £256,000 (1993 - £229,000).

23. LEASES

The total rentals under operating leases charged as an expense in the profit and loss account, are set out below:-

1994	1993
£000	£000
649	546

Buildings

The Company has a commitment to make annual rental payments of £723,000 in respect of a building lease expiring in December 2008.

24. PLEDGED ASSETS

Investments in the subsidiary undertaking with a market value of £13,493,000 (1993 - £15,337,000) were pledged as collateral to secure the liabilities under one of its reinsurance treaties. Letters of credit totalling £3,140,000 (1993 - £4,182,000), against which no collateral has been provided, have been issued by a bank on behalf of the Company.

25. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company of IC Insurance Limited is Zeneca Group PLC, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of Zeneca Group PLC are available to the public and may be obtained from 15 Stanhope Gate, London, W1Y 6LN.

Report of the Auditors

KPMG to the members of

IC Insurance Limited We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 6 to 20.

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 Group'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.

In our opinion, the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to insurance companies.

KPMG Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

London 31 March 1995