

SCOTTISH CABLES (UK) LIMITED

Company Number: 194759

Registered Office: Deanside, Renfrew, PA4 8XY

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors submit their annual report and the balance sheet for the year ended 31 December 1997.

ACTIVITIES

The Company has not traded during the year. No profit and loss account has been prepared.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

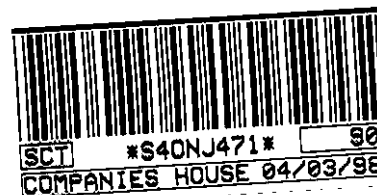
C L M Howard (appointed 26 August 1997), D E Knight (resigned 20 August 1997), S F Murray and C R O'N Pearson served as directors of the Company during the year.

The interests of the directors in the share capital of BICC plc, the ultimate parent company, were:

	@ 01/01/97 *		@ 31/12/97	
	Holdings	Options	Holdings	Options
C L M Howard	-	-	-	-
S F Murray	-	70,256	4,111	70,256
C R O'N Pearson	-	38,533	-	38,533

* or date of appointment, if later.

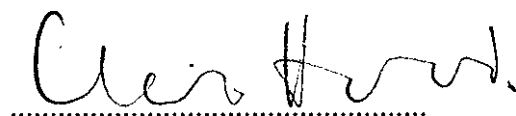
All interests are beneficial and are in respect of Ordinary Shares of BICC plc. All the options referred to above were granted under share option schemes of BICC plc at subscription prices ranging from 243.6p to 438.1p and are normally exercisable at varying times up to 2005.



PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

In the UK, the Company's policy is to settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms for each transaction or series of transactions; to seek to ensure that suppliers are aware of the terms of payment; and to abide by these terms of payment as and when satisfied that the supplier has provided the goods or services in accordance with the agreed terms.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Howard", written over a dotted line.

Director

DATED: 27 February 1998

BALANCE SHEET: The Balance Sheet is attached on Page 3.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1997

	1997 £'000	1996 £'000
CURRENT ASSETS		
DEBTORS		
Amounts due from Group Companies	1,300	1,300
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1,300	1,300
TOTAL ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES	1,300	1,300
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital (Note 3)	1,300	1,300
Profit and loss account	-	-
	1,300	1,300

NOTES (which form an integral part of the Balance Sheet)

- The Balance Sheet has been prepared under the historical cost convention.
- The company's ultimate holding company is BICC plc, registered in England.
- Share Capital

	Authorised		Issued and Fully Paid	
	1997 £'000	1996 £'000	1997 £'000	1996 £'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each				
No authorised: 1,550,000	1,550	1,550		
No issued: 1,300,001			1,300	1,300

The Company was dormant (within the meaning of Section 250 Companies Act 1985) throughout the year ended 31 December 1997.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

S. Murray

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Director

DATED: 27 February 1998