ALLDERS PLC

INTERIM ACCOUNTS

15 AUGUST 1996

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT -PERIOD ENDED 15 AUGUST 1996

	Note	1996 10½ months £000	1995 year £000
Management charges Operating expenses		6,750 (1,677)	5,900 (2,630)
Operating profit		5,073	3,270
Profit on sale of investments Investment income Interest payable and similar charges	. 3	13,905 49,171 (3,142)	12,938 (3,573)
Profit on ordinary activities before tax		65,007	12,635
Tax	4	(3,196)	(954)
Profit on ordinary activities after tax, being profit for the financial period		61,811	11,681
Dividends	5	(2,586)	(7,535)
Profit for the period		59,225	4,146

BALANCE SHEET - 15 AUGUST 1996

	Note	15 August 30 1996 £000	September 1995 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	52	80
Investments	2	86,603 ———	133,342
		86,655	133,422
Debtors	6	24,017	27,809
Cash at bank	v	115,292	10,628
		139,309	38,437
Creditors due within one year	7	(63,021)	(23,349)
Net current assets		76,288	15,088
Creditors due after one year	. 8	· .	(45,565)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	9	(996)	(230)
Net assets		161,947	102,715
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	10,780	10,756
Share premium account	11	75,421	75,416
Capital redemption reserve	11	3,766	3,788
Profit and loss account	11	71,980	12,755
Equity shareholders' funds		161,947	102,715

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Approved by the Board on 22 August 1996

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 15 AUGUST 1996

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

(a) Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Investments

Shares in subsidiary companies are included in the Company's balance sheet at original cost less any provisions for permanent diminution in value.

(c) Consolidated accounts

The financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking. Consolidated accounts have not been prepared.

2. FIXED ASSETS - INVESTMENTS

	Shares £000	Loans £000	Total £000
At 1 October 1995	43,077	90,265	133,342
Repayments from subsidiaries Subsidiary sold in the period	(32,787)	(13,952)	(13,952) (32,787)
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At 15 August 1996	10,290	76,313	86,603
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During the period the Company sold all of the issued share capital of Okefind Ltd, a company registered in England.

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3.	PROFIT ON SALE OF INVESTMENTS		
		1996	1995
	10½	months	year
		£000	£000
	Sale proceeds	52,400	-
		(32,787)	-
	Sale and other related costs	(5,708)	-
		13,905	-
4.	TAXATION		
••		1996	1995
	10½	months	year
		£000	£000
	UK corporation tax at 33%	5,684	694
	Deferred taxation	(2,488)	260
		2.106	054
		3,196	954
5.	DIVIDENDS		
	401/	1996	1995
	10½	months	year
		£000	£000
	Interim dividend payable at 2.4p per share (1995 - 2.4p)	2,586	2,579
	Final proposed 1995 - 4.6p per share	-	4,956
		2,586	7,535

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6.	DEBTORS		
		15 August 3	0 September
		1996	1995
		£000	£000
	Other debtors	8,994	1,523
	Due from subsidiary undertakings	15,013	26,258
	Prepayment and accrued income	10	28
,		24,017	27,809
7.	CREDITORS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		15 August 3	0 September
		1996	1995
		£000	£000
	Bank overdrafts Current account balances owed to subsidiary		848
	undertakings	50,872	13,313
	Current tax	3,909	2,154
	Other taxes and social security	52	386
	Accruals	5,602	1,692
	Dividend payable	2,586	4,956
		63,021	23,349
			
8.	CREDITORS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR		
		15 August 3	0 September
		1996	1995
	•	£000	£000
	Bank loans		45,565
		-	45,565
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9. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

			£000
	Deferred taxation At 1 October 1995		230
	Credit to profit and loss account		(2,488)
	Recoverable advanced corporation tax		3,254
	At 15 August 1996		996
	Provision comprises Short term timing differences		996
10.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	10p Ordinary Shares	Number	£000
	Authorised	•	
	At 1 October 1995 and 15 August 1996	126,245,453	12,625
	Called up, allotted and fully paid		
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	At 1 October 1995 Issued in the period on exercise of share options	107,558,943 237,030	10,756 24
	At 15 August 1996	107,795,973	10,780
			

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11. RESERVES

	Share premium £000	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss £000
At 1 October 1995	75,416	3,788	12,755
Bonus issue of Ordinary shares	-	(22)	-
Arising on share issue	5	-	-
Profit for the period	-	-	61,811
Dividends paid	-	-	(2,586)
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At 15 August 1996	75,421	3,766	71,980