Report and Accounts

31 December 1999

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DIRECTORS

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and the group accounts for the year ended 31 December 1999.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The group loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £14,945,000 (1998 - loss of £19,048,000). The directors do not recommend an ordinary dividend.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a holding company whose purpose is to control and develop businesses engaged in the manufacture and distribution of diesel engines and the supply of specialised information technology services.

SIGNIFICANT EVENT

On 16 December 1999, the company entered into agreements with its shareholders, bankers and Invensys (formerly BTR plc) whereby additional loans were made available, the repayment terms of bank debt were extended and the loan notes plus the interest accrued thereon converted to equity. Subsequently, on 30 November 2000 the company disposed of its freehold land and buildings and used the proceeds to reduce the bank debt. On 1 December 2000 the holders of the ordinary and preference shares sold their share holdings to two international banks who also acquired all remaining outstanding debt and are making new funds available to the group. At the same time Lister-Petter Limited announced its intention to close the machine shop and foundry in 2001 triggering a write down of asset values in those areas of the business.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

A downturn in the markets served by the Group's diesel engine business at the end of 1998, together with disruption arising from changes to shopfloor working practices and the implementation of a new Y2K compliant IT system resulted in a reduced turnover in 1999. However, the Group increased its investment in the development of a new range of diesel engines and the costs amounting to £2.5m were expensed in the year. The first of the new engines will be introduced in 2001.

The computer software business experienced another year of growth and performance was underpinned by Y2K related demand.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

Ms B P Dean

Mr L T Sargent

Mr G L Wrigley (resigne

(resigned 30 November 2000)

Mr M A Brand

Mr P M Wright

(resigned 1 December 2000)

Mr R K Winckles

(appointed 1 October 1999 and resigned 1 December 2000)

• The interests of the directors in the shares of the company at 31 December 1999 and at 31 December 1998 are as follows:

At 31 December 1999 At 31 December 1998

	Deferred Ordinary shares of Ip	New 'A' Ordinary shares of Ip		•
Mr P M Wright (Trustees of the Phillip Wright	•			
Family Settlement) Mr M A Brand	23,529 11,765	403,478 201,739	23,529 11,765	500,000 250,000

DIRECTORS' REPORT

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

During the year the company purchased and maintained liability insurance for its directors and officers as permitted by section 310(3) of the Companies Act 1985.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Information concerning employees and their remuneration is given in note 6. Consultative procedures enable management and other employees to discuss matters of mutual interest, including health and safety. Through these procedures and departmental channels, employees are kept informed about Group affairs.

It is the Group's policy to encourage the employment, training and career development of disabled persons. If employees become disabled every effort is made for them to continue in employment or receive appropriate training. In order to safeguard its employees, the Group pursues a policy, which seeks to achieve, as far as practically possible, secure working environments and training standards at all operating locations.

AUDITORS

Ernst & Young have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Ernst & Young has stated that, subject to the approval of its partners, it is intending to transfer its business to a limited liability partnership during 2001. If this happens, it is the current intention of the directors to use their statutory powers to treat the appointment of Ernst & Young as extending to Ernst & Young LLP. By order of the Board

Secretary

Date

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year which 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 those accounts, 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

The directors are responsible for keeping 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 accounts comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS to the members of Lister-Petter Group Limited

We have audited the accounts on pages 7 to 30, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 5 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by Statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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 accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the accounts, 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 accounts 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 accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the group as at 31 December 1999 and of the loss of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Registered Auditor

Bristol

Date 27 February 200

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 1999

	N 7 .	1999	1998
	Notes	£000	£000
TURNOVER Continuing operations	3	80,278	94,297
Operating costs less other operating income	4	(89,228)	(92,488)
Operating (loss)/profit - continuing operations	5	(8,950)	1,809
Income from interests in associated undertakings		-	53
		(8.950)	1.862
Continuing operations: Diminution in value of goodwill Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets		-	(15,731)
(Loss)/profit on disposal of associated undertaking Write off holding of own shares	7	(146) (104)	870 -
Redundancy and reorganisation costs Discontinued operations:		(1,051)	(1,192)
Loss on sale of operations	/	-	(396)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST		(10,251)	(14,584)
Bank interest receivable Interest payable and similar charges	8	69 (4,783)	883 (5,323)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION Tax credit/(charge) on loss on ordinary activities	9	(14,965) 20	(19,024) (24)
LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	•	(14,945)	(19,048)
DIVIDENDS Preference dividend on non-equity shares	10	-	(1,392)
RETAINED LOSS FOR THE YEAR	24	(14,945)	(20,440)
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GROUP STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for the year ended 31 December 1999

	1999 £000	1998 £000
Loss for the financial year excluding share of profits of associated undertakings Share of associate's profit for the year Diminution in value of goodwill	(14,945)	(3,370) 53 (15,731)
Loss for the financial year attributable to members of the parent company Preference dividend written back Exchange adjustments on translation of net assets of subsidiary undertakings	(14,945) 2,784	(19,048)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES RELATION TO THE YEAR	(12,161)	(19,138)
RECONCILIATION OF SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS For the year ended 31 December 1999		
Total recognised gains and losses Dividends	(12,161)	(19,138) (1,392)
OTHER MOVEMENTS:	(12,161)	(20,530)
New shares issued Premium arising on shares issued	5,006 19,154	-
NET ADDITION TO/(DEDUCTION FROM) SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS Shareholders' funds at 1 January	11,999 (8,207)	(20,530) 12,323
Shareholders' funds at 31 December	3,792	(8,207)
		

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GROUP BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 1999

		Notes	1999 £000	1998 £000
FIXED ASSETS Intangible assets		12	20	
Tangible assets		13	21,194	26,172
Investments .		14	-	534
•			21,214	26,706
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks Debtors		15 16	12,671 15,394	11,734 20,123
Cash at bank and in hand		10	3,779	20.123 5,647
Capit at bank and in hand			3,775	J,0 T /
			31.844	37.504
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year		18	(22,391)	(31,386)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			9,453	6,118
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			30,667	32.824
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one	year	19	(25,994)	(36.544)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES		¹ 22	(881)	(4,487)
			3,792	(8,207)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES				
Called up share capital		23	5,153	147
Share premium account		24	33,521	14,367
Profit and loss account		24	(34,882)	(22,721)
Shareholders' funds:				
Equity		,	(1,208)	(8,346)
Non-equity			5,000	139
			3,792	(8,207)

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- Director

Date 27/2/01

BALANCE SHEET at 31 December 1999

		1999	1998
FIXED ASSETS	Notes	£000	£000
Tangible assets	13	10,738	10,892
Investments	14	9,538	11,178
CYIDDENIT ACCEPTO		20,276	22,070
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	16	38,958	36,445
		38,958	36,445
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	18	(2.520)	(10,942)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		36,438	25,503
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		56,714	47,573
CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year	19	(25,833)	(36,234)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	22	-	(3,000)
	/ /	30,881	8,339
G. DYMAY AND DESCRIPTION			
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	23	5,153	147
Share premium account	24	33,521	14,367
Profit and loss account	24	(7,793)	(6,175)
Shareholders' Funds:	. •		
Equity Non-equity		25,881 5.000	8,200 139
		30,881	8,339
		30,001	0,559

Director - Director

Date 27/2/01

GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 December 1999

	Notes	1999 £000	1998 £000
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	5a	1,787	10,933
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest received Interest paid		(3,888)	883 (3,622)
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(3.888)	(2,739)
TAXATION Corporation tax recovered/(paid) (including advance corporation tax)		28	(273)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Payments to acquire intangible fixed assets Receipts from sales of tangible fixed assets		(3.349) (30) 454	(2,876) - 482
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	,	(2.925)	(2.394)
ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS Sale of subsidiary undertaking Net cash transferred with subsidiary undertaking Sale of associated undertaking	,	430	654 (426) 340 ———————————————————————————————————
NET CASH (OUTFLOW)/INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING	,	(4,568)	6,095
FINANCING New long term loans Repayment of long-term loans Repayment of capital element of finance leases	20 20	3,985 (158)	(4,143)
NET CASH INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) FROM FINANCING		3,827	(4,143)
(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	17	(741)	1,952

GROUP STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS for the year ended 31 December 1999

RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT

		1999 £'000	1998 £'000
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the period Cash inflow from increase in loans Repayment of long term loans Repayment of capital element of finance leases •	17	(741) (3,985) - 158	1,952 - 4,143
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows Exchange adjustments Finance leases Loans and costs converted to share capital Other loans		(4,568) 285 21,692	6.095 117 (751) - (1,476)
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at I January		17,409 (42,519)	3,985 (46,504)
Net debt at 31 December	25	(25,110)	(42,519)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1999

1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT

These accounts have been prepared under the going concern basis as the new bankers and investors (see note 27) have agreed to provide support to the group to allow it and each of its subsidiaries to meet their liabilities as they fall due, over a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of these accounts.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Basis of consolidation

The group accounts consolidate the accounts of Lister-Petter Group Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings drawn up to 31 December 1999. No profit and loss account is presented for Lister-Petter Group Limited as permitted by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

The acquired companies have been included in the group accounts using the acquisition and equity methods of accounting. The purchase consideration has been allocated to assets and liabilities on the basis of fair value at the date of acquisition.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are capitalised at cost and amortised on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives. The carrying value of intangible assets is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full year following acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation is amortised through the profit and loss account over the directors' estimate of its useful life. It is reviewed for impairment at the end of the first full financial year following the acquisition and in other periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. During December 1999 the directors considered that the impairment was such that all goodwill arising on consolidation be written off.

If a subsidiary, associate or business is subsequently sold or closed, any goodwill arising on acquisition that has not been amortised through the profit and loss account is taken in to account in determining the profit or loss on sale or closure.

Depreciation

Freehold land is not depreciated. Otherwise, depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value based on prices prevailing at the date of acquisition or revaluation, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold buildings

2%

Plant and machinery

7.5 - 33.33%

Service and support contracts

Income received under service and support contracts is credited to the profit and loss account over the period in which it is earned. Costs incurred under the service and support contracts are charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1999

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition as follows:

Raw materials, consumables and goods for resale Work in progress and finished goods •

purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis cost of direct materials and labour plus attributable overheads based on a normal level of activity

Net realisable value is based on estimated selling price less any further costs expected to be incurred to completion and disposal.

Research and development

Research and development expenditure is expensed as incurred.

Leased Assets

Assets held under finance leases, which are leases where substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset have passed to the company, and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over their useful lives. The capital elements of future obligations under the leases and hire purchase contracts are included as liabilities in the balance sheet.

The interest elements of the rental obligations are charged in the profit and loss account over the periods of the leases and hire purchase contracts and represent a constant proportion of the balance of capital repayments outstanding.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Provisions for liabilities and charges

Provisions for the expected costs of maintenance under guarantees and warranties are charged against profits when products have been invoiced.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences to the extent that they are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Advance corporation tax which is expected to be recoverable in the future is deducted from the deferred taxation balance.

Deferred taxation assets are only recognised if recovery without replacement by equivalent debit balances is reasonably certain.

Foreign currencies

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Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or at the contracted rate if the transaction is covered by a forward exchange contract. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date or if appropriate at the forward contract rate. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

Pensions

The group operates a defined benefit pension scheme, which requires contributions to be made to a separately administered fund. Contributions to these funds are charged in the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' working lives within the group. The regular cost is attributed to individual years using the projected unit credit method. Variations in pension cost, which are identified as a result of actuarial valuations, are amortised over the average expected remaining working lives of employees in proportion to their expected payroll costs. Differences between the amounts funded and the amounts charged in the profit and loss account are treated as either provisions or prepayments in the balance sheet.

TURNOVER AND SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

Turnover represents the amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the group's ordinary activities, stated net of value added tax.

The group operates in two principal areas of activity, that of manufacturing and the development of computer software. It also operates within several geographical markets.

Group turnover is analysed as follows:

Area of Activity	Manufacturing ' L £000	Computer Software Development £000	Total £000
TURNOVER	1000	2000	7000
By segment	59,127	21,151	80,278
OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		=====	
By segment	(10,342)	1,392	(8,950)
	=====		
	Continuin	g operations	
	•	1999	1998
		£000	£000
By geographical market UK		41,176	36,960
Rest of Europe	,	11,815	15,900
Rest of World		27,287	41,437
		80,278	94,297
		1999	1998
		£000	£000
Net Assets/(Liabilities) - By Geographical area UK		(3,295)	(15,884)
Rest of Europe		251	311
Rest of World		6,836	7,366
		3,792	(8,207)
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1999

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4.	COST OF SALES AND OPERATING EXPENSES		
4.	COST OF SALES AND OF EXATING EXPENSES	1000	
		1999	1998
		£000	£000
	Change in stocks of finished goods and work in progress	399	1,149
	Raw materials and consumables	40,494	46,864
	Other external charges •	19,274	19,358
	Staff costs (note 6)	21,178	21,935
	Depreciation and amortisation	2,883	3,182
	Impairment of tangible fixed assets	5,000	-
		89,228	92,488
5.	OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT		
٥.	(a) Reconciliation of operating (loss)/profit to net cash inflow from operating acti-	vities	
	(a) the contract of the contra	1999	1998
		£000	£000
		1000	1000
	Operating (loss)/profit	(8,950)	1,809
	Depreciation and amortisation	2,883	3,182
	Impairment of tangible fixed assets	5,000	5,102
	Provision for maintenance warranties utilised	(206)	(1,822)
	Decrease in debtors	4,729	3,188
	(Increase)/Decrease in stocks	(937)	1,873
	(Decrease) in creditors	(446)	(228)
	Increase in provision for maintenance warranties	360	1,794
	Provision for redundancy costs utilised	(1,594)	(1,251)
	Increase in provision for redundancy costs	844	2,236
	Diminution in value of investments	104	152
	Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,787	10,933
	rect cash filliow from operating activities	1,707	10,933
	(b) Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:		
		1999	1998
	·	£000	£000
	Auditors' remuneration	(0	e e
	Ernst & Young - audit services	60 07	55 45
	- non-audit services	97	45
	£5,500 of audit services relates to the company.		
	Research and development expenditure written off	2,466	1,651
	Depreciation of assets held under finance lease	296	21
	Depreciation of owned assets	2,577	3,161
	Impairment of tangible fixed assets	5,000	-
	Provision for maintenance warranties	360	28
	Operating lease rentals - plant and machinery	317	361
	- other	13	-

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_	COLUMN TAX	'COSTS
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	1999	1998
	£000	£000
	4000	2000
Wages and salaries	17,800	18,887
Social security costs	1,643	1,572
Other pension costs	1,215	1,265
Other employee costs	519	211
	21,177	21,935
		====
The average weekly number of employees during the year was made up as follows	5:	
	1999	1998
	No.	No.
Selling and distribution	148	170
Manufacturing	466	560
Research and development	92	46
Administration	86	149
1		
	792	925
Directors Emoluments:	1999	1998
	£	£
Emoluments	414,385	270,672
		

Mr G L Wrigley and Mr R K Winckles were non-executive directors. Payment in respect of G L Wrigley's services was made to Schroder Ventures. Mr P M Wright was also a non-executive director and remuneration in respect of his services was paid to Fern House Limited.

The amounts in respect of the highest paid director are as follows:

	1999 £	1998 £
Emoluments	165,454	149,491
Company contributions paid to defined benefit pension schemes	12,895	24,036
Accrued pension benefit	3,939	2,690

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1999

7.	LOSS ON DISPOSAL	OF ASSOCIATED	UNDERTAKING

•				1999 £000
		Net proceeds Deduct: Net assets at date of disposal		450 430
		Daduar Carduill not accelerable amorphism die the		20
		Deduct: Goodwill not previously amortised in the profit and loss account		(166)
		Loss on disposal		(146)
;	8.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		•	1999	1998
		Park lane and annotation and ashar lane who live approach a wishin five years.	£000	£000
}		Bank loans and overdrafts, and other loans wholly repayable within five years: Senior debt	2,807	2,284
		Other	768	1,563
) }		Loans not wholly repayable within five years: / Loan note		1,200
5		Amortisation of issue costs	1,208	276
			4,783	5,323
	9.	TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
•		The taxation (receivable)/charge is made up as follows:	1999	1998
			£000	£000
		Based on the loss for the year:		414
		Corporation tax Relief for overseas taxation		414 (414)
		Adjustment in respect of prior years	17	-
		Overseas taxation	(37)	6
			(20)	6
		Associated undertakings	-	18
			(20)	24
		•	=	
	10.	DIVIDENDS		
			1999	1998
			£000	£000
		Non-equity dividends on preference shares:	-	1,392
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As part of the capital reorganisation in December 1999 the unpaid preference share dividends previously accrued of £2,784,000 were written back to reserves.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1999

11. PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PARENT COMPANY

The loss dealt with in the accounts of the parent company was £4,402.000.

In accordance with the exemption allowed by section 230 of the Companies Act 1985, the company has not presented its own profit and loss account.

12. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Group		Intellectual Property rights £000
Cost: At I January 1999 Additions		30
At 31 December 1999		30
Amortisation: At 1 January 1999 Provided in year		10
At 31 December 1999	/ /	01
Net book value: At 31 December 1999		20
At 1 January 1999		
The intellectual property rights are held by Cotec	Computing Services.	

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

at 31 December 1999

13. TA	ANGIBLE	FIXED	ASSETS
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Group	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery	Total
Com	£000	£000	£000
Cost:			
At 1 January 1999	- 12,091	15,215	27,306
Exchange adjustments	• 301	22	323
Additions	-	3.349	3,349
Disposais	-	(3,672)	(3,672)
At 31 December 1999	12,392	14,914	27,306
Depreciation:			
At I January 1999	468	666	1,134
Exchange adjustments	249	-	249
Provided during the year	195	2,678	2,873
Impairment in value	-	5,000	5,000
Disposals	-	(3.144)	(3,144)
At 31 December 1999	912	5.200	6.112
Net book value:			
At 31 December 1999	11,480	9,714	21,194
Net book value:			
At I January 1999	11,623	14,549	26,172
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Included within plant and machinery are assets held under finance lease with a net book value of £633,000

Company

Company	Freehold land & buildings £'000
Cost: At 1 January 1999 and 31 December 1999	10,995
Depreciation: At 1 January 1999 Provided during the year	103 154
At 31 December 1999	257
Net Book Value: At 31 December 1999	10,738
At 1 January 1999	10,892

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS at 31 December 1999

I	NVI	ESTMENTS			
(Grou	p		1999	1998
		•		£000	£000
				2000	2000
		ciated undertakings (a)		-	430
	Own	shares (b)		-	104
		•			
				-	534
7	a)	Associated Undertakings			
ν,	ш,	Nasociated Olicetannes		Share of	Chans of
				_	Share of net tangible
				assets	assets
				1999	1998
				£000	£000
		At I January		430	1 662
		Exchange adjustments		430	1,663 (145)
		Share of profit retained by associated undertakings		-	34
		Dividends received from associated undertakings	/	-	(25)
		Disposal in year	1	(430)	
		Diminution in value		-	(152)
		At 31 December		-	430
		. II 3 · Bootingo.		<u>-</u>	430
(b)	Own shares			
				. 1999	1998
				£000	£000
	4 4 1 3	J 1000			
P	AL L J	January 1999 sion for diminution in value		104	104
•	101	ston for diffinitation to varide	•	(104)	-
A	At 31	December 1999			104
				<u></u>	
C	Сотр	oany			
					£000
	Cost:				
Ρ	At I .	January 1999 and at 31 December 1999			29,178
Δ	\ moi	unts provided:			
		January 1999			18,000
		ded in the year			1,640
A	\t 31	December 1999			19,640
N	Jet h	ook value:			
		January 1999			11,178
•					11,1/0
		•			====
A	At 31	December 1999			9,538
			-		====

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14. INVESTMENTS (continued)

Details of the investments in which the group or the company holds more than 10% of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows.

Name of company	ountry of registration (or incorporation)		Proportion of voting rights and	•	Nature of
rance of company	and operation	Holding	shares held		business
Subsidiary undertakings All held by the company unless indicate	•	.,		•	V # 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Cotec Computing Services Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary shares	100%		Computer software
Lister-Petter Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary shares	100%	Mar	nufacturing
Lister-Petter US Holdings Incorporate	d United States	Common shares	100%*	Holdin	g company
Lister-Petter Incorporated	United States	Common shares	100%*	Маг	nufacturing
RA Listers Overseas Investments	England & Wales	Ordinary,	100%	Holding	g Company
Lister-Petter France SA	France	Ordinary	100%*	Mas	nufacturing
Lister Diesels (Bangladesh) Limited	Bangladesh	Ordinary	100%		Dormant
* held by a subsidiary undertaking					
STOCKS					
					Group
			Ì	999	1998
			£	000	£000
Raw materials and consumables			3	,913	2,552
Work in progress				,790	1,946
Finished goods and goods for resale		-	6	,968	7,236
			12	,671	11,734
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There are no stocks held by the company.

The difference between purchase price or production cost of stocks and their replacement cost is not material.

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1.6	DEBTORS
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		1999 £000	Group 1998 £000	1999 £000	Company 1998 £000
Trade debtors	•	13,732	18,554	-	, <u>.</u>
Bills receivable	•	95	-	-	_
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings		-	-	35,618	34,357
Amounts owed by associated undertakings		-	66	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income		229	351	-	-
Taxation		-	-	3,340	2,088
Other debtors		1.338	1,152	-	•
		15,394	20,123	38,958	36,445
•					

17. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Analysis of balances as shown in the group balance sheet and changes during the year:

	1	' Change in period		
	l	1999	1998	
		£000	£000	
Cash at bank and in hand Bank overdraft		(1,868) 1,127	(4,792) 6,744	
•	. *	(741)	1,952	
				

18. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

		Group		Company
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Bank loans	93	4,746	_	4,746
Bank overdraft	2,463	3, <i>5</i> 90	2,048	2,881
Obligations under finance lease	339	286	-	-
Trade creditors	15,186	13,752	-	-
- Corporation tax	(91)	(53)	-	-
Other taxes and social security costs	1,045	1,452	47	27
Preference dividend accrued/payable	•	2,784	-	2,784
Other creditors	1,432	796	393	142
Accruals and deferred income	1,924	4,033	32	362
	22,391	31,386	2,520	10,942

The bank loans and overdraft are secured as described in note 20.

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19. CREDITORS: amounts falling due after more than one year

			Group		Company
		1999	1998	1999	1998
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Loan note	•	•	20,000	-	20,000
Bank loans	•	25,740	17,322	25,833	17,322
Obligations under finance lease		254	465	-	-
		25,994	37,787	25,833	37,322
Less: issue costs		-	(1,243)	-	(880,1)
	_	25,994	36,544	25,833	36,234
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Bank loans include a segregated loan of £3,985,000 provided as part of the capital restructuring in December 1999 which is supported by a back to back loan, from funds managed by Schroder Ventures, to the lending banks.

20. LOANS

LOANS		1		
•		Group		Company
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Not wholly repayable within five years:				
By instalment	-	-	_	-
Otherwise		20,000	-	20,000
		20,000	-	20,000
Wholly repayable within five years	25,833	25,068	25,833	25,068
	25,833	45,068	25,833	45,068
Less: issue costs		(1,243)	-	(1,088)
	25,833	43,825	25,833	43,980
Less: amount due within one year	(93)	(7,746)	(93)	(7,746)
Amount due after more than one year	25,740	36,079	25,740	36,234
Instalments not due within five years	=====			-

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20.	LOANS	(continued)
40.		(CONTINUED)

		Group		Company
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Amounts falling due:				
In one year or less or on demand	• 93	7,746	93	7,746
Between one and two years	25,740	6,122	25.740	6,122
Between two and five years	-	11.200	_	11,200
In five years or more	-	20,000	-	20,000
	25,833	45,068	25,833	45,068
Less: issue costs	-	(1,243)	-	(880,1)
	25,833	43,825	25,833	43,980
•			=======================================	===
Details of loans not wholly repayable within fi	ve years are as follo			
		Group		Company
,	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Secured loan	-	20,000	_	20,000
Less: issue costs	-	(534)	•	(534)
		19,466		19,466

The loans and bank overdraft are secured by fixed and floating charges over the group's UK assets and the shares in its foreign subsidiaries.

Analysis of changes in group loan financing during the period:

	1999	1998
	£000	£000
Repayment of long-term loans		(4,143)
Conversion of long term loan to preference share capital	(20,000)	-
Cancellation of accrued interest	(2,935)	-
Write back/(amortisation) of issue costs	1,243	(276)
New segregated loan	3,985	· -
Exchange adjustments	(285)	(117)
At 31 December	(17,992)	(4,536)

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21	ORI	T(_ A	TIONS	TIMED	LEASES

Amounts due under finance leases and hire purchas	e contracts:	•	
Group		1999	1998
		£000	£000
Amounts payable:			
Within one year		339	* -
In two to five years •		254	823
		593	922
Less: finance charges allocated to future periods		-	823 72
		593	751
			
Annual commitments under non-cancellable operat	ing leases are as follows:		
Group	Plant and	machinery:	
•		1999	1998
	1	£000	£000
Operating leases which expire:	,		
Within one year	,	317	185
In two to five years		262	367
In over five years		-	-

There are no leasing commitments within the company.

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22. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES

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.	Loan Note Interest £000	Redundancy £000	Warranty provision £000	Deferred taxation £000	Total £000
At 1 January 1999 Arising during the year Utilised/written back	3,000 (3,000)	1,100 844 (1,594)	363 360 (206)	24 (10)	4,487 1,204 (4,810)
At 31 December 1999		350	517	14	881
		 			

Company

	Loan Note Interest £000
At 1 January 1999	3,000
Cancelled during the year	(3,000)
At 31 December 1999	•

Deferred taxation provided in the accounts and the amounts not provided are as follows:

Group		Provided -	No	t Provided
	1999	1998	1999	1998
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Capital allowances in advance of depreciation	14	- 20	506	(25)
Other timing differences	-	4	(418)	(174)
Relief for losses	-	-	(4,042)	(2,175)
	14	24	(3,954)	. (2,374)

Company

No deferred taxation is provided in the company due to the availability of losses and other amounts available for future relief.

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23. SHARE CAPITAL Authorised 1999 1999 1998 1998 1998 1999 1998						
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During the year the authorised share capital was increased by £5,023,000 by the creation of 605,217 new "A" ordinary shares of 1p each, 15,533,913 new "B" ordinary shares of 1p each and 5,000,000 new preference shares of £1 each coupled with the conversion of the previous "A", "B" and unclassified shares to deferred shares of 1p each and cancellation of the cumulative preference shares.

On 16 December 1999, the issued "A" and "B" shares were converted to deferred shares, the issued cumulative preference shares were converted to new "B" ordinary shares on a 1 for 1 basis and 5,000,000 new preference shares and 605,217 new "A" ordinary shares were issued at par.

The new "A" Ordinary shares and the new "B" Ordinary shares rank pari passu but constitute two separate classes of shares. The deferred shares have no rights.

The preference shares carry no votes at meetings nor dividend entitlement but on a winding up of the company have a right to receive, in preference to payments to ordinary or deferred shareholders, £1 per share.

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24. RESERVES

		Group Company profit and profit and loss account loss account
	£000	£000 £000
At 1 January 1999	14,367	(22,721) (6,175)
Arising on share issues in the year Exchange adjustments Retained (loss)/profit for the year	19,154 - -	(3) - (12.158) 22
At 31 December 1999	33.521	(34,882) (6,153)

25. ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT

At I January	Cash	Exchange	Other	At 31 December
1999	flows	differences	changes	1999
£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
5,647	(1,868)) -		- 3,779
(3,590)	1,127	-		- (2,463)
2,057	(741)	-	· · · · ·	1,316
(43,825)	(3,985)	285	21,692	2 (25,833)
(751)	158	7		- (593)
(42,519)	(4,568)	285	21,692	(25,110)
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26. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

Amounts contracted for but not provided in the accounts amounted to £814,780 for the group. Amounts authorised by the directors but not contracted for were £2,000 for the group.

27. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 30 November 2000 the company sold its freehold land and buildings in Dursley, Gloucestershire and used the proceeds to reduce the outstanding bank debt. Subsequently, on 1 December 2000 the shareholders and Invensys sold their shares to two international banks (Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc) who also acquired all of the outstanding debt and are now making new funds available to the company. At the same time, Lister Petter Limited announced its intention to close its foundry and machine shop operations during 2001 triggering a write down of asset values in those areas of the business as reflected in note 13.

28. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The group had provided a letter of credit in favour of Boatmans First National Bank of Kansas City for US \$1,500,000, which was cancelled on 31 March 2000.

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29. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The group operates a defined benefit pension scheme, Lister-Petter Pension Scheme. The scheme is funded by the payment of contributions to a separately administered trust fund. The scheme was set up on I November 1997.

The pension cost is determined with the advice of an independent qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit credit method. The results of the last valuation which was conducted as at 5 April 1999 was as follows:

Main assumptions:

Rate of return on investments at 9% per annum will exceed rate of salary increases by 2% per annum.

Rate of salary increases 7% per annum.

Pension increases will be at 41/2% per annum.

The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the group in an independently administered fund.