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|--|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Continuing operations *3 | | | | |
| | | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 *4 | 2009 |
| | | FY | FY | FY | FY | HY |
| Effective tax rate | | | | | | |
| - underlying | (%) | 31.1% | 30.0% | 29.9% | 29.3% | 29.5% |
| - fully adjusted | (%) | 33.2% | 30.0% | 29.9% | 79.5% | 27.2% |
| Earnings per share | (pence) | | | | | |
| Basic | | 45.2 | 58.1 | 66.3 | 3.8 | (2.1) |
| Diluted | | 44.5 | 57.5 | 65.8 | 3.8 | (2.1) |
| Underlying earnings per share *1 | (pence) | | | | | |
| Basic | | 50.9 | 61.3 | 74.8 | 58.9 | 4.3 |
| Diluted | | 50.1 | 60.6 | 74.2 | 58.7 | 4.3 |
| Weighted Average Issued Shares | | | | | | |
| For basic earnings per share | | 121,625,474 | 122,560,171 | 130,090,267 | 135,314,199 | 348,528,197 |
| Adjustment for bonus issues (*4) | | - | - | - | 28,624,157 | - |
| Exercise of share options | | 1,970,146 | 1,287,923 | 982,011 | 557,700 | 250,110 |
| For diluted earnings per share | | 123,595,620 | 123,848,094 | 131,072,278 | 164,496,056 | 348,778,307 |
| Closing number of issued shares | | 121,886,129 | 123,104,025 | 135,001,198 | 135,639,175 | 590,813,193 |
| Dividend per share | (pence) | | | | | |
| Interim | | 5.3 | 6.2 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 0.0 |
| Final | | 11.5 | 14.3 | 18.7 | - | |
| Total | | 16.8 | 20.5 | 26.7 | 8.3 | |
| Dividend cover (on basic earnings per share) | (number of times) | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | n/a | n/a |
| Net asset value per share | (pence) | 238.2 | 286.5 | 425.8 | 456.3 | 146.1 |
| Trading sites | (number) | 496 | 618 | 779 | 807 | 774 |
| Net debt | (£'m) | 174.7 | 228.8 | 428.9 | 697.1 | 276.2 |
| Net assets | (£'m) | 290.3 | 352.7 | 574.9 | 618.9 | 863.3 |
| Gearing (net debt/ net assets) | (%) | 60% | 65% | 75% | 113% | 32% |
| Underlying interest Cover *1 | (number of times) | 13.1 | 9.2 | 8.2 | 5.2 | 4.1 |
| Headline Leverage (Net debt to Underlying EBITDA) | | 1.45 | 1.58 | 2.25 | 3.28 | 1.68 |
| Covenant Leverage | | | | 2.04 | 3.07 | 1.63 |
| Total Capital Employed (TCE) (£'m) | | 465.0 | 581.5 | 1,003.8 | 1,316.0 | 1,139.5 |
| Return on capital employed *2 | (%) | 17.7% | 17.0% | 15.2% | 10.9% | 4.5% |
| Stock days | H1 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 46 | 42 |
| | FY | 36 | 38 | 41 | 39 | |
| Debtor days | H1 | 60 | 57 | 55 | 54 | 55 |
| | FY | 50 | 48 | 47 | 43 | |
| Creditor days | H1 | 47 | 48 | 50 | 49 | 47 |
| | FY | 38 | 38 | 37 | 28 | |
| LFL sales growth in Sterling | | 9.3% | 7.1% | 10.9% | 6.5% | (12.7)% |

Notes

*1 - Underlying means stated before amortisation of acquired intangibles, impairment changes, gains and losses on derivative financial instruments and restructuring costs.

*2 - Calculated using average debt and equity and on an underlying basis

*3 - SIG sold its US business on 20 November 2006. Figures stated are from continuing operations (i.e. excluding the USA business)

*4 - Adjusted for the discount element of the placing and open offer and firm placing of 455,047,973 Ordinary Shares that was announced on 18 March 2009 and approved at the Company's Extraordinary General Meeting on 9 April 2009.