

		Continuing operations *3				
		2005	2006	2007	2008 *4	2009
		FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
<b>Effective tax rate</b>						
- underlying	(%)	31.1%	30.0%	29.9%	29.3%	29.7%
- fully adjusted	(%)	33.2%	30.0%	29.9%	79.5%	18.4%
<b>Earnings per share</b>	(pence)					
Basic		45.2	58.1	66.3	3.8	(9.7)
Diluted		44.5	57.5	65.8	3.8	(9.7)
<b>Underlying earnings per share *1</b>	(pence)					
Basic		50.9	61.3	74.8	58.9	9.0
Diluted		50.1	60.6	74.2	58.7	9.0
<b>Weighted Average Issued Shares</b>						
For basic earnings per share		121,625,474	122,560,171	130,090,267	135,314,199	469,350,343
Adjustment for bonus issues (*4)		-	-	-	28,624,157	-
Exercise of share options		1,970,146	1,287,923	982,011	557,700	897,421
For diluted earnings per share		123,595,620	123,848,094	131,072,278	164,496,056	470,247,764
<b>Closing number of issued shares</b>		121,886,129	123,104,025	135,001,198	135,639,175	590,829,339
<b>Dividend per share</b>	(pence)					
Interim		5.3	6.2	8.0	8.3	-
Final		11.5	14.3	18.7	-	-
Total		16.8	20.5	26.7	8.3	-
<b>Dividend cover (on basic earnings per share)</b>	(number of times)	2.8	2.8	2.5	n/a	n/a
<b>Net asset value per share</b>	(pence)	238.2	286.5	425.8	456.3	140.8
<b>Trading sites</b>	(number)	496	618	779	807	753
<b>Net debt</b>	(£'m)	174.7	228.8	428.9	697.1	254.5
<b>Net assets</b>	(£'m)	290.3	352.7	574.9	618.9	831.8
<b>Gearing (net debt/ net assets)</b>	(%)	60%	65%	75%	113%	31%
<b>Underlying interest Cover *1</b>	(number of times)	13.1	9.2	8.2	5.2	4.3
<b>Headline Leverage (Net debt to Underlying EBITDA)</b>		1.45	1.58	2.25	3.28	2.10
<b>Covenant Leverage</b>				2.04	3.07	2.00
<b>Total Capital Employed (TCE) (£'m)</b>		465.0	581.5	1,003.8	1,316.0	1,086.3
<b>Return on capital employed *2</b>	(%)	17.7%	17.0%	15.2%	10.9%	5.3%
<b>Stock days *5</b>	H1	38	39	40	46	42
	FY	36	38	41	39	40
<b>Debtor days *5</b>	H1	60	57	55	54	55
	FY	50	48	47	43	44
<b>Creditor days *5</b>	H1	47	48	50	49	47
	FY	38	38	37	28	36
<b>LFL sales growth in Sterling</b>		9.3%	7.1%	10.9%	6.5%	(11.6)%

**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.

\*5 - 2007, 2008 and 2009 days have been calculated on a constant currency basis